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## Regionalise now!

### Cole's 7 a world record

**Hans Krankl**

Australian striker Gary Cole smashed his way into the record books with his sensational seven-goal burst in the recent Australia-Fiji World Cup elimination.

Cole's seven goals created an all-time record scoring tally in the World Cup series.

The huge blonde striker scored one goal in a relatively quiet first half but dazzled the big crowd with a sensational second-half display.

Taking advantage of every ball that came his way, Cole slammed six more goals past Fijian goalkeeper Alaila Nevono in the final 45 minutes.

Cole's effort had the pre-Australian

crowd roaring with delight, and there is little doubt that this type of goalscoring spree is exactly what is required to bring patrons back in droves.

Although statistics for World Cup qualifying rounds are far from comprehensive, Austria's Hans Krankl is believed to have held the previous record, following his six against Malta in 1977.

Australia's 10-0 whitewashing of Fiji gives that team the dubious distinction of conceding two records within 48 hours, as its 13-0 hiding by New Zealand is the highest in World Cup history, eclipsing West Germany's 12-0 drubbing of Cyprus in 1980. — PAUL MOON.



By LAURIE SCHWAB

**Regionalisation is the logical solution to the national league's financial problems which will be aggravated when Philips Industries withdraw their sponsorship at the end of the season.**

The extra \$20,000 cost imposed on each club may not appear overwhelming on face value, but in most cases it is an addition to an already existing financial deficit.

Australian Soccer Federation Marketing Ltd. has told the 16 national league clubs that it is reasonably confident of getting a sponsor to replace Philips Industries.

If so, there probably will be no change to the league structure.

That would be unfortunate. Australian soccer is and always has been better suited to a regionalised national competition, with a gala play-off series as the climax.

Each regional league — north and south — should comprise 12 clubs.

By adding clubs like Croatia Sydney, Essendon Croatia, St. George, Melita Eagles, Green Gully-Ajax, a Tasmanian team, Azzurri (SA) and perhaps another Queensland team, the league would gain significantly.

Spectators in Melbourne and Sydney would be able to see their teams more often, crowds would increase and travelling costs would be cut.

At the end of the season, the top four, or even the top six from each region, would play off for the Australian championship title.

Regionalisation, summer soccer and other matters raised in the recent marketing report will be discussed by the national league's Council of Clubs in Sydney on September 5.

Meanwhile, the clubs are presenting a united front in pledging they will carry any additional costs to ensure that national league soccer prevails.

They were however stunned by the news of Philips' withdrawal from soccer.

The decision was not completely unexpected. ASF vice-president Michael Weinstein pointed out in "Soccer Action" a few weeks ago that large corporations traditionally do not sponsor an individual sport over a long period because they must appeal to the community as a whole.

Philips has given the league about \$300,000 a year since 1977.

Although the league will have to carry on without Philips, the company will continue to support the knock-out Philips Cup competition, whose finalists this year are West Adelaide Hellas and Brisbane Lions.

Having lost the league subsidy, most clubs now are pushing for an end to relegation, at least for a few years.

They want security for their investment.

But the ASF, made up of State delegates, is unlikely to be a party to making the league inaccessible to State clubs.

## NO HOPE, HELLAS

The Lord taketh and the Lord giveth as they say but Almighty Sydney City Hakoah won't give anything to South Melbourne Hellas on Sunday at the Sydney Athletic Field.

Taketh it from humble me. The classy Sydney based outfit will be out to secure its leadership status and make its third PSL title in five years a near certainty.

There was a strong possibility as we went to press that Marconi and APIA would shift their game to the Athletic field to provide a gala double-header.

And while the two best sides in Australia get down to business at 3pm, Slickers' mid-fielder Jim Patikas and Hellas stopper Steve Blair will be a few thousand miles away playing for Australia against Indonesia.

Apart from Blair, Hellas also will miss Allan Davidson who was injured last Sunday.

Had Blair been available he would have had the task of sticking to John Kormier, a job the Soccerroo stopper did so well when these sides clashed earlier this season at Middle Park.

It was the "forgotten" man of the Soccerroos, Slickers' striker Kenny Boden, whose lethal finishing sunk Hellas at Middle Park and Boden again will give the visitors most problems.

While Boden's delicate ball skills weave a path in and out of Hellas's defence the small frame of Joe Watson will taunt and tease down Hellas's left flank. Watson gave the talented

Davidson plenty of problems at Middle Park.

Either Socrates Nicolaides or Bertie Lutten will have the unenviable task of tagging Watson.

Jim Shirra may be a third absentee from the Hellas team. He could not play in the 0-2 loss to Brisbane City because of an ear infection.

Hellas's only hope of winning the title now, is to beat Hakoah on Sunday, and then rely on Makedonia or Adelaide City also beating the league leader in one of the remaining two rounds.

To have any chance of achieving the first objective, Hellas needs Alan Evans back in the team on Sunday.

Evans has missed two games due to injury and without him, Hellas has a lot of trouble scoring goals.

By CRAIG MacKENZIE

## Slips, and it's Ajax's title

The ball slips through the hands of Essendon Croatia goalkeeper Peter Blasby, while Steve Kokaska (left) and Pat Bannon look on in alarm.

In trying to clear the ball, Kokaska put it into his own goal, paving the way for a 2-0 victory by Green Gully Ajax at Olympic Park last Sunday. The victory gives Ajax its first State League championship. Picture by LES SHOR-ROCK.

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## Heidelberg v. Lions on Friday

Heidelberg-Alexander, the big improver of the national league, should climb to the middle of the table after games against Brisbane Lions and Blacktown this week.

Having drawn 0-0 with Lions in Brisbane last Sunday, Heidelberg meets them again in a postponed game at Olympic Park at 8 pm on Friday night.

Two days later, at the same ground, Heidelberg takes on Blacktown.

If the Bergers win that one, Blacktown will be relegated. With Arthur McMillan and John Yzendoorn dominating in defence and Gary Cole and Jamie Paton combining well in attack, Heidelberg has gained 15 points from its past 12 matches.

In the last two rounds, it means Newcastle away and APIA at home, so if the Bergers maintain their form, they should finish the season with at least 30 points. — LAURIE SCHWAB

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# Summer soccer: experts have their say

## Accents to evaporate?

The way the PSL and Australian soccer is heading currently can only lead to a dead-end.

Most of the major marketing recommendations announced by PSL chairman Frank Lowy were canvassed in columns I have contributed to "Soccer Action" previously and while they may sound revolutionary when presented in a package, most of them are pretty commonsense and should have been adopted years ago.

They include names on shirts, all clubs working together to market the League and other such tid-bits. But what of summer soccer? Anyone who comes down vehemently on one side or the other of this argument is simply talking through his hat. We quite simply don't know whether it will be a good or a bad thing, all that most of us have are varying degrees of unease that for the amounts of

## IN FOCUS

With Peter Scott



money spent there should be something better available to soccer fans.

What we do know is that facilities for night-time soccer, apart from the odd exception, are miserable — and that is a serious handicap for the proposed concept.

If it is to go ahead, a solution must be found.

My other fear is that the proposals adopt much of the "fluffy" part of the Americanisation of soccer, but still refuse to face fairly and squarely one undeniable fact.

For all, or even most, of the PSL management's ambitions to materialise into reality within our lifetimes there must be star content — and I don't mean building up our local kids into stars, although that is a necessary part of the picture as a whole.

But the PSL does need some players who can give it almost instant credibility.

The Yanks had Pele do the job in one year, after decades of failure.

Where will our Pele come from? And who will pay for him?

The other factor which cannot legitimately be ignored is the makeup of the Australian soccer population.

Yes, I'm harking back to the old "ethnic" bit again.

The ASF marketing company's presentation deals with this "problem" swiftly and briefly and right at the outset.

Apart from the fact that its look at the problem is so superficial that one is forced to wonder how much time was spent on it in comparison with, say, the temperature charts, it is also either naive or dishonest.

The suggestion is that, put

simply, ethnic identities must go, but the supporting social clubs should continue to foster that very same bogey.

This poses the question whether all those club members are pathetic, or just plain stupid.

Do they continue to support clubs which in effect tell them "We need your money, but keep your accents off the terrace?"

In fact, were club memberships consulted about the proposals in the ASF Marketing report?

Or in some (most?) instances were the responses from officials who are in many cases unelected and responsible to nobody outside their little power clique?

And, if so, what assurance do we have that they know the thinking of their members? Or even care?

I was fascinated to read the results of three different "opinion polls" which dealt with summer soccer — two in favor, one against and, inevitably I suppose, thoroughly rubbished and discredited by the marketing folks.

I was equally fascinated to note that all the results were expressed in percentage figures, nowhere was there mention of the number of respondents to those samplings of opinion.

A big step is about to be taken by Australian soccer — it may well be the right one — and those who take it had better think fast and hard, divorce themselves from dogma and built-in prejudices.

This vital ingredient is still missing from the mixture — and that's why I worry about the future of soccer, Aussie-style.

## Pro players needed

Mike Johnson

Full-time professionalism will be needed to implement the proposed summer revolution of soccer in the Philips league.

There is no way the proposed new summer league would work without full-time professionalism — providing of course it still is feasible in light of Philips' withdrawal.

The summer league and its appendages calls for numerous night fixtures, no summer holidays, international fixtures and indoor games out of season — in a word, total soccer involvement.

No coach or player could expect a traditional career employer to accommodate such comprehensive soccer involvement.

The presentation of the ASF marketing group's case to the Philips League was very impressively packaged and presented.

I was not so impressed with much of the content of the argument put forward in the inch and a half thick volume in which the marketing group's case was put.

There was far too much rhetoric and far too little factual statement to substantiate reasons for the proposed change to summer soccer.

There was, however, statistical data on summer temperatures and temperatures in other hot, soccer playing countries, to support arguments that we could play soccer in our summer.

I am also sure we could play soccer in our summer. The more important question is — should we?

This is a question our administrators are going to have to resolve in the near future.

It is for this reason I propose to discuss the case put forward by ASF Marketing in some detail, following a long study of their aforementioned massive volume of printed matter.

The volume starts off, rather unfortunately, by presenting a futuristic look at Australian soccer in the year 1990, only nine years from now, when my son Brendan 13, will be 22 and eligible to play for the Australia, which the marketing people saw beating England and starting out as joint favourites, with the USA, to win the 1990 World Cup.

Anyone with any knowledge of Australian and world soccer would know that Australia could never start out as joint favourite to win the World cup — not in this century, or maybe even the next.

The introduction was a forerunner to other pieces of fanciful thought and rhetorical comment which had no place in such a document, along with contradictory argument and inaccurate information.

For example: • In a discussion on crowds at mass spectator sports — that 50 per cent of spectators were under age 15. (From observation of television sport this obviously is not the case, especially at tennis and cricket which were the two sports mentioned).

• Dismissal of the problem of rain in summer in Brisbane by stating that soccer players and spectators were used to getting wet in winter. Yet previously rain in winter had been stated as a reason to change seasons.

• Medical advisor Dr Corrigan stating that pulse rates above 135 beats per minute when training in summer heat leads to exhaustion, which in my experience is not the case. Heart beats of 135 is very low for soccer training.

• Dr Corrigan's statement that there will be a loss of some efficiency and a slowing down in the games in the heat, yet elsewhere the statement is made that today's most successful spectator sports are "fast and aggressive in style".

• The main thrust of the argument for the change to summer was to be able to package soccer as a new ball game — yet an admission that soccer previously has "never been packaged, promoted or positioned appealingly enough".

• A continual reference to soccer currently being played in "wet, rain and cold", when two-thirds of our playing season is played in very pleasant conditions.

The overall argument flowing from those points was that a NEW spectator, as distinct from the traditional, mainly migrant spectator currently supporting soccer, would not come in the bleakness of winter, to sit on a typical "hill" to watch soccer, nor bring his child or wife with him, especially at weekends.

Escalating air costs and other costs were crippling clubs and the Philips league as it now is could not survive without increased supporters at games.

And this is the nub of the argument — will Philips league soccer in summer draw in more spectators than in winter?

One never would be able to know the answer to that one, without trying summer soccer, which is not necessarily a reason for changing.

However, to play summer soccer would require full time professionalism and one has to ask — is that financially possible?

The marketing people say that with more sponsorship from companies which traditionally promote their products in summer, such as soft drink, ice-cream and sportswear companies, the money would be forthcoming.

They also cite more potential spectators among the young, who they say don't come to our games now because dad is fed up taking him to his own junior soccer games on Saturday and does not want to spend all weekend taking his family to soccer.

This is another fallacy. My wide experience of junior soccer indicates that from age 13 few dads, or even mums, go to watch their children play. The screaming parent syndrome is played out in front of the very young soccer player.

The marketing people cite increased air costs as a huge burden under the current Philips League set-up and full-time professionalism as a gain if we go summer, yet comparative costs show otherwise.

It has been stated air costs will go up by 25 per cent in the near future.

Yet national wage bills will go up 200 per cent if the league goes fulltime professional.

Currently the average seasonal wage of a national League part time professional is about \$5000. Thus a 20 man squad costs \$100,000 per year.

To make full-time soccer financially worthwhile, each squad member would need to earn at least \$300 a week, \$15,000 a year. That totals \$300,000 yearly for 20 players. Quite an annual wage bill.

Increased sponsorship and spectators would have to pay for that.

If we increased our crowds by 100 per cent we would be averaging about 8000 people per game, which is a little less than Rugby League draws in Sydney. League has much bigger social clubs and attract bigger sponsorship than soccer has so far been able to draw.

Rugby League clubs do pay their players around the \$15,000 mark, often more.

I always have thought that our soccer would grow and improve in a slow evolutionary way as it has done over the past 20 years, even while our spectator support has dwindled, just like it has for all other sports all over the world.

The marketing people are proposing a grand intervention which suddenly will upgrade the soccer species.

I do not believe such an intervention would be a disaster if it failed, just as I know that soccer will not fall apart if we do not introduce summer soccer.

## More games better for players

For a long time I did not have a good word for Australian Soccer Federation Marketing Ltd., mainly because it came out will little other than waffle.

I now must tip my hat to the marketing people over the weighty document it produced last week on the directions the game should take.

Until now soccer has had no such guidelines. Meaningful documents have been rare indeed in our game — that's why we should be thankful for things like Laurie Schwab's book, "The Soccereros and their Opponents", and Andrew Detre's "Soccer World".

Which has served as the only continuous chronicle of soccer over the past 25 years.

Now we have the marketing report. We can take it or leave it, criticize or praise it, but there is no denying that it offers new solutions.

I have said repeatedly that the number of games over a season should be increased to improve the players and therefore lift the standard.

It does not make sense to pay our players for almost a full year, yet ask them to play only about 35 matches. I would like to see them playing a lot more.

The marketing company's recommendation for a summer season, supplemented by a winter indoor soccer competition, would achieve this aim.

At the moment, players lose fitness and gain too much weight during an off-season which is too long. Thus we have the hard, tedious, pre-season training programme to bring them back up to scratch.

Obviously the length of pre-season training would be shortened if the players had more games during the season.

The traditionalists of course are dead against summer soccer but so were the cricket traditionalists against Kerry Packer's night cricket. Look how successful that turned out to be.

Summer soccer would bring other benefits to soccer. The clubs know that if they want to use their own grounds for night games, they will have to install floodlights, so those that have procrastinated over the cost finally will be moved to go ahead. Grandstands similarly would be upgraded if summer soccer achieves its aim of attracting bigger audiences.

I called summer soccer a crazy idea when it first came up last year, but that assessment was based on playing matches in mid-afternoon. If they are played in the evening or late afternoon, I'm all for it.

Clubs that have been in existence for 20 or 30 years and still have to share with a cricket club will scream of course, but it's a little late to scream of course, but it's a little late to scream after you've sat on your behind for 20 or 30 years, expecting the world to stand still.

It's not too late for them, of course. Now is the time to move.

Just look at what some progressive clubs have done already, since the start of the



## RALE RASIC

PSL — Hellas has a magnificent social club, the Brisbane clubs have new grounds, Marconi has grown in all directions. Blacktown is developing a fine complex.

But like I said earlier, summer soccer can be measured by only one yardstick — crowds. If attendances increase significantly, all the grumbling will stop.

I applaud the decision to use the youth team for Australia's remaining World Cup games. Since the youth caravan started rolling in 1979, Australian soccer has benefited greatly by the emergence of players like Steve Blair, Alan Davidson, David Mitchell and Robert Wheatley.

More are in the melting pot. The World Cup games will make them better and after the world youth championships in October, many of them will become stars in senior PSL teams.

While talking World Cup, I'm sure most of us felt a little embarrassed for poor Fiji over its 10-0 and 13-0 losses to Australia and New Zealand.

Those scores didn't do much for soccer's credibility in this part of the world.

I suggest that in future, little nations like Fiji should play a preliminary tournament whose winner would advance to the main Oceania qualifying group.

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## Stapleton \$1.7 mil.

Arsenal striker Frank Stapleton signed for Manchester United for 1.1 million sterling (1.7 million Aust Dollars) last week — a fee decided by the English Football League Appeals Committee.

The committee was called in after United challenged the two million sterling (3.16 million Aust Dollars) rating of Stapleton by its first division rival.

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# THE CASH CRISIS

## ARTHUR LOUSTAS

(President, Heidelberg-Alexander): It was a shock, but we have to go on. We have to find the extra \$20,000, it's as simple as that. If you have \$300,000 to run a club, you should be able to find another \$20,000. Phillips Industries will continue to carry the cost of air fares until the end of the season, and I feel confident that we'll find another sponsor, or a group of sponsors next year.

I wouldn't like to see regionalisation being introduced as yet, although ultimately it may have to come.

However, the loss of Philips' sponsorship will bring the question of promotion and relegation to a head. Most league clubs want to see an end to relegation, at least for a few years.

## NICK SAGIAKOS

(Secretary, South Melbourne Hellas): We have stated before that our club will manage without league sponsorship. We'll probably cut down the size of our travelling party when we go interstate, and maybe we'll have to travel on the morning of the game instead of on the previous night.

Our operating cost is up near the half-million dollar mark, so we'll have to look at ways of cutting down.

Also, we can't continue accepting the threat of relegation. If we have to put in more money, we want some sort of security on our investment, even if it's only the opportunity to play off against whichever club is in line for promotion.

## JOHN BRANOV

(President, Preston Macedonia): Certainly this extra cost is a stone around our necks. No club can afford the extra \$20,000. However, it should make us work harder at finding an alternative method of sponsorship.

I certainly believe that as a sponsorship proposition, the national league has a lot to offer major national companies.

Regionalisation will be one of the topics discussed by the Council of Clubs on September 5, and perhaps this latest development may influence some clubs to back regionalisation.

## MICHAEL WEINSTEIN

(Vice-president, Australian Soccer Federation and chairman, Victorian Soccer Federation): We are grateful for the assistance Philips Industries have given us over the years but of course we're disappointed at having lost their support. As for the four Victorian PSL clubs, it is up to them to resolve their problems. They are not being pressured by the VSF but should they decide to rejoin the State League, we would welcome them.

## NICK PAPALLO

(President, APIA-Leichhardt): In the long run this may prove to be just what we needed. We're grateful to Philips Industries for their support, but it stopped us going to a lot of other companies that sell similar products.

We're no worse off now than we were when the PSL game started, for at that time we had no sponsor and no-one knew how it would go.

## Leaders have say



Two PSL leaders, left to right: Nick Papallo (APIA), John Constantine (Sydney Olympic)

But we have made it a successful competition with the potential to grow even stronger, so I believe we have a lot to offer.

Regionalisation is of course one way to cut down costs, but we should do an in-depth study on that before we say yes or no. Superficially it looks good, but how much money would it really save?

I don't think the question of summer soccer is related in any way to the loss of Philips' sponsorship. APIA is neither for nor against summer soccer but we have to be practical. Few clubs have lighting suitable for TV coverage, and I don't believe the clubs will vote in favor of summer soccer until solutions are found to the major problems.

As it stands, any replacement sponsor we may find, can tell us what he prefers — soccer in the summer or soccer in the winter.

## JOHN CONSTANTINE

(President, Sydney Olympic): I reminded all clubs when we were told of Philips' withdrawal what it meant to go back to State League soccer — to play on cow paddocks in an amateur set-up, the way Olympic had to after we were relegated.

I called a meeting of my club directors after we heard the news, and we reaffirmed that our objective is to play in the highest soccer competition in the country. If that happened to be a regionalised league, so be it. Some rationalisation of travelling expenses has been a must for some time. Now the league is forced to look at it more closely.

We are willing to carry the burden of the extra \$20,000 for the time being, but I'm confident a new sponsor will be found. After all, sponsors have changed

before. We had Rothmans for a while, now we have Coca-Cola backing the State League. The marketing company has said it already has had a number of enquiries from companies interested in sponsoring the national competition in some way.

I have made no secret of the fact that Olympic opposes the concept of summer soccer, but unfortunately the marketing company wants a clear answer on that proposal so it can clearly confine the commodity before it offers it to a new sponsor.

We spent a lot of time and effort getting Pratten Park up to September, when cricket takes over. If summer soccer was introduced, we'd have to start looking for a new ground. Also, we've been getting crowds of about 6000 — which is second only to South Melbourne — and we have no guarantee we'll retain that amount at a different time of year.

## TONY LABBOZZETTA

(President, Marconi-Datsun): We would have lost the sponsor eventually. These things don't last forever. But the future remains bright for the national league and I'm pretty sure the marketing company has a deal cooking for new sponsorship.

Rugby League lost Amco and got Toothes instead. There's no reason why we can't do likewise.

Possibly it was a mistake calling the league by the name of the sponsor, but we have succeeded in upgrading the game considerably, and I believe we are a good proposition for potential sponsors.

I don't think regionalisation is any closer at the moment, but it will be one of the things discussed by the Council of Clubs on September 5.

We'll also have to decide whether summer soccer may be premature in the light of the extra \$20,000 cost each club may have to carry next year.

Meanwhile, we'll all have to tighten our belts a bit — perhaps cut back on the excessive amounts we pay our players. But the money is there. Let's face it, clubs don't hesitate when they want a \$20,000 player.

## PETER THORNE

(Secretary, Blacktown City): We're disappointed at Philips Industries' withdrawal because the company has been good for the league and for soccer in Australia. But Blacktown was here before Philips and we'll still be here after the next sponsor because this club intends playing at the highest level in the land at all times.

I've gone on record as saying that the ASF marketing document released recently was excellently handled and well presented. However, I looked at only one side of the coin. My club has commissioned its own research with the help of a local radio station. We want to get the response to many things — changing to summer, regionalisation and the like — from people who don't accept soccer. We want to know what the non soccer follower thinks. The marketing document was researched at ground level. It only looks at what the converted think.

Blacktown is a developing club. Anyone making a capital investment, through a sponsorship deal like ours or other avenues, looks to get a return from that investment. The current 12 month period of a club's immediate future in the league isn't long enough to make sure that the investor gets sufficient time to glean a return.

The current situation with promotion and relegation is done on an ad hoc basis. Blacktown is in only its second year in the league and developing clubs like ours must be protected to get enough time to try to achieve their full potential.

## LAURIE KELLY

(President, Wollongong City): Our reaction is one of alarm. We have been faced by tremendous expenses in our initial year. In addition to paying our \$10,000 affiliation fee to the league, we had to find another \$5000 for the youth league. But it would be a retrograde step to disband the league. In the interests of soccer we have to find an answer.

We have a budget of about \$300,000 and we're running at a deficit. Next year, the extra \$20,000 could add to that deficit. The bigger clubs are not as seriously affected, of course. All they have to do is buy one less player.

Regionalisation could be an alternative for the league. It would cut costs, and would increase overall involvement in the competition. The two regional leagues could be fleshed out by the most suitable clubs available — Croatia, St. George and the like. Regionalisation would also result in promotion throughout the ranks to replace vacancies left by clubs going into the national competition. This would help upgrade the game throughout.

We were hoping to climb out of our financial trough next year, but as it stands, with this added \$20,000 expense, we have dug the trough deeper.

I am confident however, that the community of Wollongong will stay behind the club and help us overcome the problems. They rallied wonderfully in raising \$16,000 when we bought Arno Bertogna from Newcastle, for example.

## GUIDO CANALE

(Secretary, Brisbane City): Well obviously every club will be affected by Philips' withdrawal but it's not the end of the world. We will survive even with the added financial strain upon us.

I haven't given regionalisation much thought because I don't know to what extent it will, if at all, be adopted. Right now our thoughts lie with the proposal to change to the summer season.

Brisbane City's board of directors have taken a week off to think about the move to summer. We'll be meeting this week to vote on the proposal.

Personally I'm prepared to give it a go provided that promotion and relegation is shelved for a few years. I know that the ASF represents the interests of the state federations but it's clubs like ours which cough up the money to keep a national league going. Some PSL clubs have to mortgage their property to survive and changing to summer is a risk. It's an experiment and we must be given some guarantee before we undertake to go along with the move.

We expect protection while experimenting. I hope that the ASF says, okay, you clubs take the risk and we'll give you some security. Shelving promotion and relegation would be the security we would look for.

We must protect our interests. We spent over \$750,000 on ground improvements and all of a sudden we have to risk it all by seeing if summer soccer is a success.

## 'Pici' plans a comeback



Joe Picioane

Joe Picioane hopes his luck will change soon. God knows it's about time.

Since transferring from Footscray J.U.S.T. to Marconi for \$20,000 in March, Picioane has missed 16 games.

New coach Luciano Nesti has switched Soccerro star Tony Henderson from the sweeper's position to midfield where Picioane hopes to join him.

Because he had played for J.U.S.T. in the Philips Cup, Picioane was unable, under the rules of the competition, to play in the Cup for Marconi, so he missed five Cup games.

He played three league games, but then was sidelined by a groin injury.

Suspension cost him another game and after making two appearances, he was injured again.

Picioane also had to contend with competition from Iranian star Hussein Housseini. Having spent good money on Picioane, Marconi signed Housseini a week later, even though he plays the same role as Picioane.

The sequence of events is typical of what Picioane has had to contend with during his career. He broke a leg while with J.U.S.T. and his progress

with the club was interrupted by moves to Slavia, Waverley and Hakoah.

He scored the winning goal in Victoria's 1-0 victory over Partizan Belgrade in 1979 and also played against Wisla Krakow, AEK Athens, New York Cosmos and Red Star Belgrade, but then was discarded by State coach Len McKenzie, now coach of Heidelberg.

He also was dropped by national coach Rudi Gutendorf after playing for Australia.

You have to know Picioane to understand his ups and downs.

I once dubbed him "JUST's Rivelino", likening him to one of the great Brazilian players.

He took a lot of ribbing over that tag, but it was accurate. Picioane is a player of exceptional skill — a virtuoso in the classic tradition.

That skill makes him a potential match winner and a director of play, but he tends to take too much on his own shoulders and when he loses the ball, he looks bad.

At Marconi however, he hasn't had a chance to put his best foot forward.

"I certainly haven't had a good start," he said, "but I think I've turned the corner."

"Marconi hasn't been playing as a team, and I suppose we've been a bit lazy on the field, but I'm sure that will change."

The recent coaching change will result in Ivo Prskalo returning to the squad. He fell out with Bianco, but with Nesti at the helm, Prskalo was expected to resume training last Friday.



Todd Clarke

Todd is married to Saki and they have a daughter Tasma. He works as Australia-wide Sales Manager of the women's fashion department in a well known clothing firm.

Todd Clarke recently made his 100th first team full appearance for Sydney City Hakoah.

He is the first goalkeeper in the history of the club to reach that figure, ahead of Peter Fuzes (75) and Hans Wenzl (74).

Todd started playing soccer in Adelaide at the age of 10 as a left winger and wore the No. 1 shirt for Seaciff Juniors at 15.

A year later he had his first game in senior soccer with Austria Adelaide.

After a year with Austria and another one with Birkalla, he joined Beograd where he stayed for seven years.

He represented South Australia Under 16s, the S.A. Schoolboys and, at 18, played for South Australia against Queensland.

He went on to play for Australia and made 35 appearances. In 1976 he joined Sydney City and this is his sixth season for the club.

In 1977 a bad knee injury kept him out of the game but through hard and persevering training he came back in 1978.

Unlike many other goalkeepers Todd believes in making difficult saves look easy and does not perform useless dives just for the show of it. He dislikes the so-called "acrobat" goalkeepers but has a lot of respect for those colleagues who are safe but not "showy".

After a bad game he will be the first to admit it and very seldom blames his defence for any goals.

Todd is a good organiser of his defence, calling out praise and encouragement but he is not too shy to shout at his defenders during a game.

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# Test for Bergers, Rasic and Marconi

Time's running out for a couple of Heidelberg players who face up to Rale Rasic's Blacktown at Olympic Park on Sunday.

Heidelberg coach Len McKendry has stated that he'll need to turn over his playing staff for the 1982 season. That means the appearance of a few new faces and the departure of some old ones.

The question is which current first team members will depart Heidelberg's ranks and we probably won't know the answer until the off-season.

But whoever's on the way out, no doubt a few Bergers will need to impress their boss before the season's end.

That could spell doom for Blacktown which ran out a 3-1 winner over Heidelberg at Gabbie Stadium in the first half of the season.

Another question which could be answered over the closing weeks of this season is Rasic's future.

It's hard to envisage the former Socceroo supremo delving into State League ranks should Blacktown be relegated.

And relegation looms as a distinct possibility for the demons despite their major sponsorship and fine facilities.

Heidelberg should make Blacktown's fate nearly certain by taking both points.

There could be a few fireworks if Blacktown's fiery keeper Bruce James gets in Gary Cole's way.

Paul Burrows is the man the Heidelberg defence must watch closely but I expect the Bergers to hold the upper hand in midfield so Burrows may not get the service he needs to give the visitors some hope.

Footscray J.U.S.T. can grab a point from Brisbane Lions at Schintler Reserve provided the defensive approach J.U.S.T. adopted against Heidelberg two weeks ago gives way to the 4-3-3 formation which reaped rewards for the club earlier this season.

Should J.U.S.T. play with only two players wide up front it's an open invitation for Lions to pin the home

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

side in. The J.U.S.T. fans don't enjoy a defensive approach and really it doesn't make sense because Zdravko Lujic, Johan Verweij and Bruno Cozzella are capable of worrying the stout Lions' defence.

So the message is: have a go, J.U.S.T. You've got nothing to lose and the reward for success will be tripling the season on a high note with a bright outlook for the club's fortunes in 1982. And wouldn't that make a change from the morbid, despairing attitude which characterised J.U.S.T. in previous years when the club fought tooth and nail to narrowly avoid relegation.

Marconi and APIA Leichhardt fight out Sydney's local Italian derby at Marconi oval on Sunday and I'm tipping Willie Wallace's APIA to win.

Marconi probably will go into this match as the favorite but I expect APIA strikers Seb Giampolo and Tony Morsello to put Marconi defenders Bertie Mariani and Peter Brogan under tremendous pressure.

Morsello impresses me greatly. Apart from his fine skills, his acceleration makes him an exciting player to watch and he's young enough to make a major impact upon Australian soccer in years to come.

Rod Skellern could have the job of taming Marconi's flying winger Peter Sharne while Peter Wilson will have to give good cover to the markers for Mark Jankovics and Eddie Drncovic.

There shouldn't be much in this derby but should Phil O'Connor play fully fit he could tip the scales in APIA's favor.

I've gone for a draw between Sydney Olympic and Newcastle KB at Pratten Park on Sunday.

When these sides met at the International Sports Centre in the first half of the season a freak goal by Olympic winger Graham Jennings played a major part in Olympic's 2-1 win.

Jimmy Redfern looms as the biggest threat to KB. Since arriving here Redfern has shown in a short time

that his skill and experience will be important to Olympic to balance the youth and exuberance of the club's many youngsters.

And KB will have to rearrange its defence to fill the gap left by Howard Trednick's commitment with the young Socceroos. The replacement for Trednick is crucial for the fill in left back probably will come against Redfern.

Adelaide City goes into Sunday's local derby against arch rival West Adelaide without David Mitchell and Charlie Villani, both playing for Australia against Indonesia on the weekend.

Mitchell and Villani leave glaring gaps in Adelaide City's side and its questionable whether coach Bob D'Ottavi can cover for the loss of two of his stars.

But I've stuck with Adelaide City for some time. I expect the depleted City line-up to avenge its Phillips Cup semi-final loss at the hands of West and run out a worthy victor.

Brisbane City should defeat Preston Makedonia at Spencer Park on Sunday.

I doubt whether Makedonia can avert Barry Kelso's aerial threat while Joe Palinkas may create problems for the visitors out wide.

But Palinkas will have to be at his best because he'll run into Steve Beech, one of the best left backs in the PSL.

The key to City's fortunes rest with the markers for Makedonia's Claude Lucchesi and Doug Brown.

Canberra can grab the points from Wollongong at Bruce Stadium on Sunday provided Tony Brennan, Walter Valeri and Ian Gibson get good service from their midfielders. They'll need to break down Wollongong's defensive discipline.

## IN MELBOURNE

HEIDELBERG v. Blacktown at Olympic Park, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1980 — Heid 5-1, 2-1, 1981 — Black 3-1.

Footscray J.U.S.T. v. Brisbane Lions (draw) at

Schintler Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1977 — Lions 2-0, J.U.S.T. 4-2, 1978 — J.U.S.T. 4-0, 0-0, 1979 — J.U.S.T. 3-1, Lions 1-0, 1980 — J.U.S.T. 3-1, 1-1, 1981 — Lions 4-0. Advantage J.U.S.T. 4 wins, 2 draws, 3 losses. Goals: 15-12.

## IN SYDNEY

Sydney City v. South Melbourne Hellas (draw) at Sydney Athletic Field, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1977 — SMH 1-0, 0-0, 1978 — SMH 3-0, 0-0, 1979 — Syd. City 2-0, 2-1, 1980 — Syd. City 2-1, 2-1, 1981 — Syd. City 3-1. Advantage Sydney City 5 wins, 2 draws, 2 losses. Goals: 11-8.

Marconi v. APIA LEICHHARDT at Marconi Stadium, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1979 — Marc 2-0, 0-0, 1980 — APIA 2-1, 2-2.

Sydney Olympic v. Newcastle KB (draw) at Pratten Park, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1978 — 1-1, 1-1, 1979 — KB 2-0, 1-1, 1981 — Olympic 2-1.

## IN ADELAIDE

ADELAIDE CITY v. West Adelaide at Olympic Sports Field, Sunday, 2.30 pm. Previous results: 1977 — AC 4-1, 2-2, 1978 — WA 2-1, 1-1, 1979 — AC 2-1, 1-0, 1980 — AC 2-0, 1-0, 1981 — AC 3-0. Advantage Adelaide City 6 wins, 2 draws, 1 loss. Goals: 17-7.

## IN BRISBANE

BRISBANE CITY v. Preston Makedonia at Spencer Park, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous results: 1981 — 1-1.

## IN CANBERRA

CANBERRA v. Wollongong at Bruce Stadium, Sunday, 3 pm. Previous result: 1981 — Canberra 1-0.

# McMILLAN CUTS OUT MITCHELL

## Makedonia 3 Adelaide City 0

Scorers: Ollerton pen 15th, Lucchesi 42nd, Brown 73rd.

Venue: Connor Reserve, Reservoir.

Referee: E. Venios Vic 8.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA.

Wilson 8; Flavell 7 (MacIvor 68th), Petrovski 7, Bech 8, Whittle 7, Ollerton 7 (Little 71st), Farrell 8, Cullen 8, Lucchesi 8, Brown 8.

ADELAIDE CITY: Przybylski 6, B. Nyskohus 7, Jones 7, Parin 9, Russell 8, Marocchi 8, Manou 6 (Dods 46th), Signore 6 (Buch 71st), Norrby 7, Mitchell 6, J. Nyskohus 6.

Crowd: 3500 (estimate). Cautions: Lucchesi, Brown.

Even when there is nothing at stake except two championship points, a game at Preston is an experience.

Added to the volatile supporters, there is the cut-throat competition for team places which sometimes erupts in heated exchanges between players on the field, and of course there is the unpredictability about the club itself for it seems to thrive on doing the unexpected.

I mean there is little that is unorthodox in clinging to the Makedonia title but integrating it into a big modern day jingle a la "Up There Cazaly" style. Well, sort of unexpected.

So is paying \$3,000 for a Frankston defender to warm

up the bench for the season, the way the supporters have rejected both Gordon Flavell and Alan Whittle, and even Peter Ollerton making a martyr of himself to make way for John Little in the second half.

Added to this vibrant scene, on Sunday there was the added color of the travelling Adelaide City supporters who brought their own cheer squad, the flags and banners and until half time their vocal chords to cheer their team on.

Not forgetting of course that we were treated to a good game of soccer and three goals into the bargain.

The heroes of the afternoon were both back four players: George McMillan gave another of his no nonsense performances and must have shook the life out of Socceroo starlet David Mitchell with his bone-crushing tackles every time the striker came near a ball.

"This is not Fiji," came the wisecrack from the terraces but I'm sure Mitchell didn't need reminding as McMillan hardly gave him a look-in throughout the 90 minutes.

At the other end in complete contrast, the old master John Perin gave a great display at sweeper, always calm and collected, passing the ball with weighted precision and showing the remarkable vision gained from so many years of experience to spot danger early and react to it positively.

Of course Perin can mix it

with the best and he and Whittle had an absorbing tussle all afternoon.

Makedonia took the lead in the 15th minute from a boring line penalty decision for a foul by David Jones on Whittle.

The tackle was a foul but the incident happened on the edge of the area and most referees would have opted for a direct free kick outside the box.

But referee Evan Venios had no hesitation in pointing to the spot and Peter Ollerton calmly slotted the kick home to the keeper's left.

Four minutes later Adelaide had the ball in the net at the other end when John Nyskohus netted the rebound of Perin's shot but Mr Venios disallowed the goal, acting on the raised flag from his linesman who presumably picked an offside.

The important second goal

came three minutes from half time. Robert Cullen raced onto a through ball, his shot was blocked by Przybylski but Claude Lucchesi followed up to plant the rebound home.

It was a great moment for Lucchesi who had copied heckling from the City supporters and he got a big kick out of deliberately running to the Italians and giving them the inverted victory sign.

The goal which sealed the victory came in the 73rd minute when Doug Brown let go one of his specials from 25 metres and Przybylski had no hope of stopping it before it hit the roof of the net.

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MacLeod makes debut

Brisb. Lions 0 Heidelberg 0

Ground — Richlands. Crowd abt 1500.

Weather — fine. Referee — C. Amos 7.

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Marconi's Betie Mariani takes the ball away, leaving Heidelberg's Jamie Paton and goalkeeper Ron Corry on the ground behind him. In the background is Theo Selamidis. Picture by LES SHORROCK.

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## Calderon, Gray new Socceroos

Ian Gray and Steve Calderon are the new men in the Australian youth squad which left on Sunday to complete Australia's World Cup programme against Taiwan and Indonesia.

Gray plays midfield for APIA and Calderon, of Marconi, is a stopper in the Steve Blair mould.

The surprise omission from the squad is that of former youth team captain Ian Hunter (Marconi).

Australia meets Taiwan on August 25 and Indonesia on August 30.

The matches will help prepare the youth players for the world youth championships in October.

The squad is: GOALKEEPERS: Glen Ahearn (Syd C), Brett Beeves (Swansea-Beimont).

DEFENDERS: Oscar Crino (Australian Sports Institute), Robert Wheatley (Blacktown), Brett Woods, Grant Lee (Syd C), Howard Trednick (Newcastle KB), Steve Blair (5th Melb Hellas), Steve Calderon (Marconi).



J.U.S.T. star Zdravko Lujic dribbles past Ian McKie at Hindmarsh. Photo by FRANK HOBBS

## HELLAS BLOWS ITS CHANCES

**SM-Hellas 0  
Brisbane C2.**

Goals: Conner 35th, P. Wilkinson 54th.  
Ground: Middle Park.  
Crowd: about 7000.  
Referee: Chris Bambridge 8.  
Cautions: Vincenzino, Gaffney (BC).

**SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS:** Laumets 6 - V. Bannan 6, Xanthopoulos 6, Blair 6, Nicolaidis 5, Stevenson 5, Rogers 8, Davidson (injured Lutton 5, 17th) - Cummings 7, Wooddin 5, Buljevic 6.

**BRISBANE CITY:** Wishart 8 - Vincenzino 8, Dunne 7, Ratcliffe 7, W. Wilkinson 9, Conner 8, Pimblett 8, Hamilton 8, Gaffney 7 - Kelso 9, P. Wilkinson 7.

This result almost certainly ended Hellas's hopes of winning the championship. Brisbane City played well for its win but this was not the Hellas we know.

Alan Evans was out injured for the second successive game, midfielder Jim Shirra was ill and could not play, and Alan Davidson - playing in midfield for the first time in years - lasted only 14 minutes before being injured and replaced by Bertie Lutton.

Mising those three stars, Hellas was well and truly behind the eight-ball, yet with a bit of luck, it could have scored early in the game, through Steve Wooddin who was however, foiled by goalkeeper Kim Wishart.

## Slickers all set

**Wollongong 0  
Syd City 5.**

Goals: Souness 2, Boden, Kosmina, Barnes.  
Venue: Wollongong Showgrounds.  
Crowd: 3914.  
Referee: Tim Davies 6.

**WOLLONGONG:** Vardareff 6 - Fleming 8, Dunleavy 8, de Graaf 8, (Mehring 85th), Ainsworth 9, McBrean 6, Adam 7, Lathan 9 - Tredinnick 8, Bertogna 7, Fontana 6 (Campbell 55th).

**SYDNEY CITY HAKOAH:** Clarke 8 - Souness 9, O'Connor 8, Spanos 7 (inj sub Gomez 80th), Cant 8 - Patikas 7, Boden 8, Barnes 7 - Watson 7 (Lee 67th), Kosmina 9, Murray 7.

Sydney City took a strange hold on the Phillips League title after beating lethargic Wollongong City 5-0 at Wollongong Showgrounds.

The slickers are three points clear of South Melbourne with three games to play and beat Wollongong without really hitting top gear.

The Sydney team led 1-0 after an even first half through a gift goal by Ken Boden.

In the second half, Wollongong lost their share of mid-field authority and Sydney City added further goals from full-back Ian Souness (2), Murray Barnes and John Kosmina.

The further the second half went the more the visitors looked certain to retain their PSL crown.

They looked like a well-oiled machine at times with Kosmina and Boden causing Wollongong's defence plenty of problems.

Goalkeeper Todd Clarke was untroubled when Wollongong battled for the equaliser in the first half while John Lathan was the pick of the Wollongong side.

Sydney City took the lead after just five minutes.

Centre half Chris Dunleavy and goalkeeper Mitch Vardareff



Laurie Schwab

## MATCH RATING: 7

As the game progressed, Hellas deserved what it got. Instead of playing the ball quickly to shake off Brisbane City's tight marking, Hellas tried to dribble past opponents and invariably lost the ball.

There was very little mid-field support for the forwards, and there were some serious lapses in the defence.

Brisbane City played tight in midfield and closed out the Hellas strikers for most of the match.

Up front big Barry Kelso and little Willie Conner outplayed their opponents and were unlucky not to add to the score.

Hellas had its chances late in the game but Duncan Cummings, the busiest of the forwards, shot badly.

Davidson's injury forced Hellas to reshuffle their lineup.

Lutton went to left back and Socrates Nicolaidis pushed up into Davidson's midfield position.



Knut Werner

## MATCH RATING: 8

reiff were involved in the mix-up and the ball rebounded off Kosmina to the foot of Boden.

It was almost a comical situation but Boden was left completely unmarked with an open goal and he made no mistake.

Towards the end of the first half, Wollongong were on top with Arno Bertogna going close with two headers before fullback John Fleming was just wide with a 23m shot.

The turning point in the game came after 57 minutes when Kosmina notched number two for the visitors.

Joe Watson took a corner on the left and the ball deflected off a team mate before Kosmina headed home from close range.

Soon after it was 3-0, full-back Ian Souness hitting a 35m shot which goalkeeper Vardareff could not hold.

The ball flew out of his hands over his head before he could scramble it clear but the linesman ruled it had crossed the line.

With seven minutes to go Souness again moved up to take a free kick and make it 4-0, then Barnes scored number five in injury time.

## KB triumphs

### MATCH RATING: 8

**Newcastle KB 2  
Marconi 0**

Scorers: Mountford, Sumner.  
Ground: International Sports Centre.  
Crowd: 5,027.  
Referee: Peter Ramplay 7.  
NEWCASTLE: Dando 7 - Reaney 7, Drinkwater 8, Mason 8, Endacott 7 - Senkalski 8, Sumner 7, Jones 8, Heys 7, Mountford 7, (McClelland 61st), Kamatz 7.  
MARCONI: Corry 8 - Brogan 7, Mariani 7, Tomasich 6, Degney 6 - Picciano 6 (Houseni 35th 8), Byrne 8, Carboni 6 (Hunter 59th) - Sharpe 7, Jankovics 7, Krncevic 7.

## Olympic tops

### MATCH RATING: 8

**Blaketown 1  
Syd. Olympic 4**

Scorers: Djordjevic (B), Koussas 2, Redfern, Gavin (SO).  
Ground: Gabbie Stadium.  
Crowd: 4,500.  
Referee: Bob Mee 7.  
BLAKETOWN: James 4 - Djordjevic 8 - Salvage 6, Milovanovic 4 (Cuk H.T. 4), Poirier 6, Wheatley 6 - Krstic 6, Hormazabal 6, O'Donnell 6 - Jones 6, Burrows 8.  
OLYMPIC: Wilson 7 - Moulis 8, Ziras 7 (Rowden 80th), K. Wilson 7, Scott 8 - Poirier 6, Wheatley 6 - Krstic 6, Hormazabal 6, O'Donnell 6 - Jones 6, Burrows 8.  
OLYMPIC: Wilson 7 - Moulis 8, Ziras 7 (Rowden 80th), K. Wilson 7, Scott 8 - Poirier 6, Wheatley 6 - Krstic 6, Hormazabal 6, O'Donnell 6 - Jones 6, Burrows 8.

## MATCH RATING: 8

**West Adel 3  
Foots JUST 2**

Scorers (Honeyman 30, Tapaz 64, Lorenzoni 80) (Verwoij 29, Lujic 63).  
Ground: Hindmarsh Stadium.  
Crowd: 2500. Conditions: Fine.  
Referee: Mr R. Kerr (SA) 7.  
WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS: Crook 7, Maricic 7, Smythe 7, Ford 7, Topaz 7, Bosnic 8, McKie (Brown) 7, Stephanopoulos 7, Kowalski (Lorenzoni) 6, Honeyman 8, McGregor 7.  
FOOTSCRAY JUST: Boland 8, Hazenburt 7, Milne 6, Kyrikoules 7, Kondaridis 7, Jovanovic 8, Verwoij 6, Ilioski 6, Cozella 7, Kakantonis 6, Lujic 8.

## WATCH PAUL CARTER

**APIA 4  
Canberra**

At Lambert Park.  
Crowd: 3614.  
Scorers: Morsello 26th, Giampaolo 31st, Bradley 42nd, Soper 56th.  
Conditions: good.

Referee: Don Campbell - 9.  
APIA-LEICHHARDT - Woodhouse 9, Carter 8, Wilson 8, Pullen 7 (sub Watt 80th), McCausland 8, Butler 7, Kaffa 7, Bradley 8, Soper 7, (sub McKie 70th), Giampaolo 8, Morsello 7.

Canberra-Hoszowski 6 Moutsopoulos 7, M. O'Shea 6, R. O'Shea 6, Byrne 6, J. O'Shea 6, Cole 8, Gibson 6 (sub Stone half time 6), Brennan 6 (sub McLaren 77th), - Purdie 6, Valeri 6.

This game brought to light the amazing depth in reserve coach Willie Wallace has built up at Leichhardt.

With experienced players such as Phil O'Connor, John Coyne, Rod Skellern, and Alan Hughes sidelined through injury, Wallace fielded a young outfit that completely outshone and outplayed Canberra.

Into the lineup for the first time came teenage defender Paul Carter who had a magnificent game at fullback.

A tall, strong boy, Carter never put a foot wrong and played Canberra's high rating striker Walter Valeri out of the game.

The future looks bright for Leichhardt - wherever they play next year and in whatever competition.

Canberra was a terrible disappointment, and after an opening 15 minute flurry was never in it.

During this opening 15 minute spell, Canberra had



Tom Anderson

## MATCH RATING: 8

three good attempts at goal which were all well saved by Leichhardt goalkeeper Greg Woodhouse.

Woodhouse brought off two absolutely brilliant saves from Duncan Cole and Terry Byrne.

The big fellow is now back to the form that won him a place in the Socceroo side.

Tony Morsello opened the scoring in the 26th minute after some good work by Marshall Soper.

Then the floodgates opened and further goals by Sebastian Giampaolo in the 31st minute and John Bradley in the 42nd minute gave Leichhardt a very handy 3-0 lead at the interval.

The performance of Sebastian Giampaolo against his former club was heartening for the Leichhardt fans.

Despite having the upper hand and dictating the play during the second half Leichhardt only added one more goal to their tally.

This came in the 64th minute from the ever alert Marshall Soper.

Canberra was a disappointment, and much more was expected from them.

The question that surely must be asked is - is everything on even keel in the Canberra camp?



## TOM ANDERSON

"How to get into a mess without really trying" - that unfortunately is the sad and sorry tale of top club soccer in Australia.

On top of all this summer soccer controversy comes the news that Phillips have withdrawn their sponsorship for the PSL next season.

And what a time for this to come - three weeks before the end of the season and four weeks before the start of the World Youth Championships.

Surely there must have been signs of warnings that Phillips were not going to come in with sponsorship before this.

Surely the Phillips company would have given warning or would have given a decision if pressed before this - a time that leaves little room for planning for next year.

Let's look at some facts - the marketing company's recommendation that the season be switched to summer came two weeks ago.

Then, with the clubs torn apart over this issue, came the news that Phillips had withdrawn its support.

With the news of this withdrawal came the declaration from the PSL management committee that the marketing company - which had been negotiating with Phillips by the way - would now negotiate for new sponsors.

In the meantime the clubs will have to vote on the summer soccer issue on September 5.

For me the timing and the series of events are just too coincidental.

The marketing company which is going full steam ahead to promote summer soccer now holds the upper hand.

## Clubs are going to the wall

When it goes to sponsors it can push the summer soccer deal.

Not of course am I suggesting it will, but it could and the clubs will then have two choices - take a sponsor and play summer soccer or play in the winter without a sponsor.

I have said many times before and I will say it again: I just do not like the position of power this marketing company seems to have.

It has been hired to market and promote the game - not to make decisions of importance that could make or break the game at top club level.

Since the announcement of the withdrawal of sponsorship there have been some incredible statements both from marketing officials and some club officials.

Two club officials even went so far as to say it could be a blessing in disguise to lose the sponsorship.

Also, that the future of the PSL was now clear and bright.

A marketing official declared on radio that the "amateur officials" of the PSL could come up with the money required - around \$20,000 to pay for the airfares. "They always have been able to get money in the past. They should be able to do it now," this jolly fellow declared.

Then he probably went back to his air conditioned and luxuriously furnished office at North Sydney to conjure up some more castles in the air.

Meanwhile, some PSL clubs are already paying out nearly half a million dollars a year each to play in the PSL and are struggling to exist and for many of them \$20,000 will be the last straw.

The fact is that there are a number of PSL clubs at their uppers and almost bankrupt. A number of PSL subscriptions to the ASF (\$10,000 each) are outstanding. As are airfares for supporters - placed on club accounts.

Some clubs have difficulties with hotel bills on away trips and another has to pay cash on delivery to have beer in its social club.

To put these struggling clubs under more pressure and monetary obligation is just ridiculous.

Some of these struggling clubs want summer soccer and say they have nothing to lose by going summer.

That of course is correct - they have nothing to lose - they're completely broke, but surely it would be catastrophic to take well run and financially sound clubs to the wall with them.

The answer to this mess of course is too easy for our administrators.

The answer is - State Super Leagues - played in the winter, with top four play-offs on a national scale at the end of the season. And the Phillips Cup run along the lines of the FA Cup with everybody in the hat and the draw fair dinkum.

But because of politics, petty jealousy and personal interests this will never take place despite it being the solution, and it's sad.

One major fact in the whole issue that must be faced is that to spend over \$300,000 a year on air fares is plain stupidity.

The only factor that gets any good out of this is TAA.

More about the solution next week.



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Figures in brackets denote last week's position on the ladder.

HOME	AWAY	W	D	L	F	A	W	D	L	F	A	GLS	Pts
1	(1) Sydney City Hakoah	10	3	0	31	10	7	1	6	20	16	51:26	38
2	(2) South Melbourne Hellas	10	2	2	24	10	2	9	2	14	15	38:25	35
3	(4) Brisbane City	8	4	1	20	6	3	6	5	12	15	32:21	32
4	(7) *APIA-Leichhardt	7	5	1	22	10	4	4	5	12	17	34:29	31
5	(3) Adelaide C. Juventus	8	2	4	20	12	4	4	5	20	21	40:33	30
6	(6) *Brisbane Lions	9	4	1	23	9	1	6	5	13	18	36:27	30
7	(5) Canberra City	5	4	4	24	17	6	3	5	14	14	38:31	29
8	(9) Newcastle KB United	5	5	4	24	15	5	2	6	14	23	37:34	27
9	(10) Sydney Olympic	7	4	2	22	15	3	3	8	19	27	41:42	27
10	(8) Wollongong	4	7	3	20	20	3	5	5	10	15	30:35	26
11	(11) *Heidelberg-Alexander	4	3	5	13	13	5	3	6	27	23	40:36	24
12	(14) Preston Makedonia	7	4	3	28	12	1	3	9	9	25	37:37	23
13	(12) **Marconi-Datsun	6	2	4	15	16	3	3	7	6	20	21:36	23
14	(13) Footscray JUST	6	5	2	19	13	2	1	11	10	33	29:46	22
15	(15) *Blacktown City	3	3	8	16	24	1	5	6	12	19	28:43	16
16	(16) West Adelaide Hellas	4	2	7	14	19	1	1	12	9	32	23:51	13

\*One match in hand. \*\*Two matches in hand.

## TEAM OF WEEK

In brackets — number of appearances in this team —

WOODHOUSE (2)  
(APIA)SOUNESS (3) G. McMILLAN (2) PERIN (4) A. McMILLAN (5)  
(Syd. C) (Makedonia) (Adel. C) (H'berg)RASKOPOULOS (3) HONEYMAN (2) G. BYRNE (2)  
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### THIS WEEK'S VOTES

HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER 1 (Yzendoorn) MARCONI-DATSUN 1 (Krcovic) at Olympic Park, Wednesday night (postponed match). Votes by Laurie Schwab:

6. McMillan (H'berg); 5. Byrne (Marco); 4. Yzendoorn (H'berg); 3. Olvar (H'berg); 2. Mariani (Marco); 1. Cole (H'berg).

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 0 BRISBANE CITY 2 (Conner, P. Wilkinson) at Middle Park. Votes by Laurie Schwab:

6. Kelso (BC); 5. W. Wilkinson (BC); 4. Conner (BC); 3. Wishart (BC); 2. Hamilton (BC); 1. Rogers (SM).

APIA-LEICHHARDT 4 (Morsello, Giampaolo, Bradley, Soper) CANBERRA CITY 0 at Lambert Park. Votes by Tom Anderson:

6. Woodhouse (APIA); 5. Bradley (APIA); 4. Wilson (APIA); 3. Giampaolo (APIA); 2. Carter (APIA); 1. Cole (Can).

BRISBANE LIONS 0 HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER 0 at Richmond. Votes by Bruce Waddell:

6. Williamson (BL); 5. Yzendoorn (H'berg); 4. Hermiston (BL); 3. Lovndes (BL); 2. Selenidia (H'berg); 1. McMillan (H'berg).

nil FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 2 (Verweij, Lujic) at Hindmarsh Stadium. Votes by Frank Pangallo:

6. Honeyman (WA); 5. Bozanic (WA); 4. Boland (JUST); 3. Jovanovic (JUST); 2. Lujic (JUST); 1. Lorenzoni (WA).

WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS 0 SYDNEY OLYMPIC 1 (Koussas) at Hindmarsh (midweek). Votes by Frank Pangallo:

6. Raskopoulos (SO); 5. Katholos (SO); 4. K. Wilson (SO); 3. Jennings (SO); 2. Jamieson (SO); 1. Ziras (SO).

BLACKTOWN 1 (Djordjevic) SYDNEY OLYMPIC 4 (Koussas 2, Redfern, Gavin) at Gable stadium. Votes by Ted Smithies:

6. Jennings (SO); 5. Koussas (SO); 4. Katholos (SO); 3. Redfern (SO); 2. Burrows (BL); 1. Djordjevic (BL).

NEWCASTLE KB UTD 2 (Mountford, Sumner) MARCONI-DATSUN 0 at International Sports Centre. Votes by Joe Lanzoni:

6. Senkalski (NI); 5. Jones (NI); 4. Corry (IM); 3. Drinkwater (NI); 2. Housseini (MI); 1. Byrne (MI).

Leaders:

81. Hermiston (BL) 61. T. Byrne (Can)

78. Mitchell (AC) 60. Crook (WA)

67. Bennett (BL) 59. Boland (JUST)

66. Wilson (APIA) 56. Yzendoorn (H'berg)

Top scorers:

13. Evans (SM)

12. Cole (H'berg)

11. Koussas (SO)

10. P. Wilkinson (BL), Souness (SC), Kosmina (SC), Soper (APIA)

9. Barnes (SC), Ollerton (Mak)



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Fawkner won the 1981 Second Division title by one point from ever present rival Frankston Pines.

There's a lot of feeling between these clubs. Their rivalry started many years ago in the Provisional Leagues and has been carried on throughout the Metro ranks and will continue as they strive to win promotion to the State

League in their inaugural incursion into the First Division in 1982.

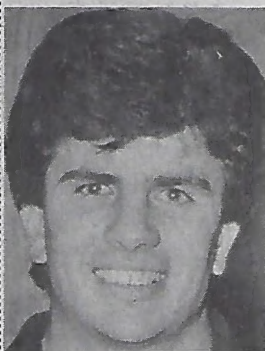
For now honors lie with Fawkner. Perhaps one of the best buying coups for many years was achieved by the Italian backed Fawkner when it signed Les Gooney from Eltham at the start of the 1981 season.

Gooney, a winner of the Metro Best and Fairest award while still a teenager, has long been one of the most composed, classy players in Metro soccer.

He resisted countless attempts to leave Eltham which he represented with distinction for many seasons but Fawkner's lure proved too great.

Gooney has had a remarkable season with his new club and is widely tipped to win the Second Division Best and Fairest award.

So next year mighty Fawkner steps out to start another campaign. This time the stakes are higher. No doubt Fawkner is destined for State League ranks.



CARLO SABIDUSSI. Captain & Midfielder. 27 years old; Date of Birth 11/7/54. Height 170 cm. (From Preston Makedonia)



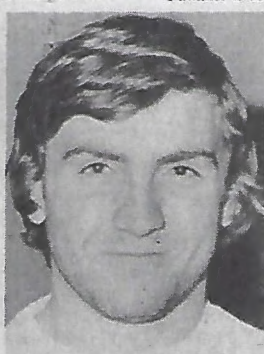
BRUNO SABIDUSSI. Midfielder. 25 years old; Date of Birth 21/1/56. Height 170 cm. (From Juventus)



ROBERT TERZINI. Goalkeeper. 23 years old; Date of Birth 20/7/58. Height 182 cm.



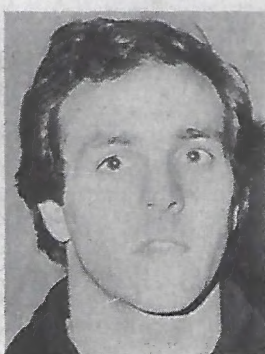
FRANK FRAGALE. Striker. 24 years old; Date of Birth 15/11/57. Height 169 cm; (From T.E.L. & Triestina S.C.)



BILL PANAS. Goalkeeper. 22 years old; Date of Birth 2/10/59. Height 170 cm. (From the junior ranks)



GIUSEPPE PERRI. Left Full Back. 18 years old; Date of Birth 30/3/63. Height 165 cm. (From Fawkner Junior)



SERGIO SABBADINI. Right Full Back. 24 years old; Date of Birth 3/7/57. Height 175 cm (From Juventus)



CLAUDIO POLITA. Midfielder. 17 years old; Date of Birth 25/1/54. Height 175 cm. (From Moreland Junior)



LESLIE GOONEY. Striker. 27 years old; Date of Birth 29/9/54. Height 175 cm. (From Eltham)



CESARE FATTORE. Defender. 21 years old; Date of Birth 28/2/60. Height 180 cm (From Griffith)



ANTONIO MAINENTI. Striker. 28 years old; Date of Birth 12/6/53. Height 175 cm (From Fawkner) (On loan to Juventus for 1 year)



TONY SCHIPANO. Full Back & Vice Captain. 24 years old; Date of Birth 5/3/57. Height 185 cm (From Fawkner Junior)



ROCCO SANTANGELO. Striker. 25 years old; Date of Birth 15/6/56. Height 168 cm. (From Northcote City)



MICHELE GIACOMI. Defender. 19 years old; Date of Birth 5/1/62. Height 185 cm. (From Coburg)



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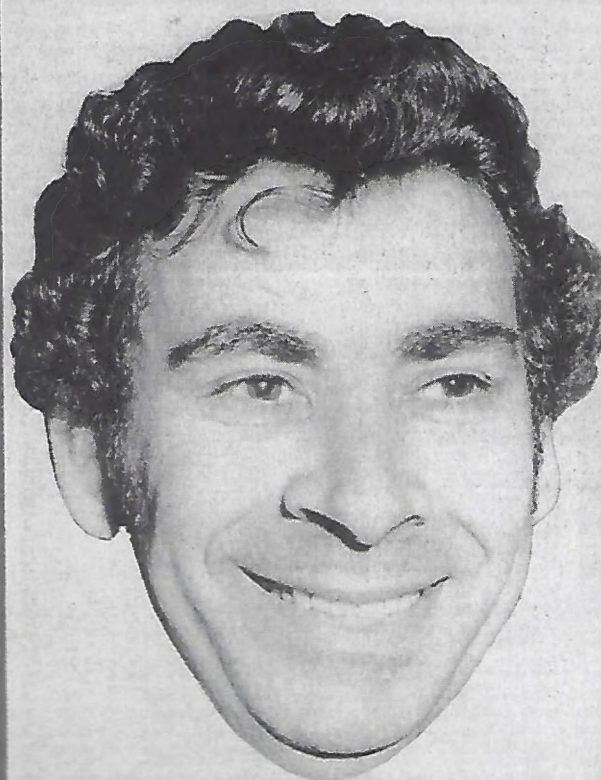


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Fawkner president Tony Schipano

Fawkner hasn't stopped growing since its foundation in 1966. Today the club has a sporting complex and pavilion at its Jukes Road ground in Fawkner which is envied by many higher division clubs and it also has the biggest following of any Italian soccer club in Melbourne.

While a lot of clubs stagnate and struggle for existence, Fawkner knows nothing but progress and success and with this progressive attitude the club is now a power in Victorian soccer.

The Schipano brothers — Frank, Giuseppe and Dominic — and Gino Marcato were the founders of Fawkner. The original name was Fawkner Bakers Soccer Club because of the founders' association with the bakery trade.

The first elected administration in 1968 was: Giuseppe Schipano (president), Gino Marcato (secretary), Frank Schipano (treasurer), Dominic Schipano, M. Vallorani, F. Roccioletti and R. Morelli. The name was slightly altered to Fawkner Soccer Club.

The club's first ground was at Fawkner Technical School but soon after the Broadmeadows Council allowed the club to use a piece of land in McBryde Street, Broadmeadows.

Frank Schipano was the driving force behind Fawkner in the early years. In 1968 he was president, coach and one of the team's top players.

Other leading players at the time were Roccioletti, Dominic Schipano, Masoch, Luigi Pavan (one of the all time greats at Fawkner and still active as a junior coach), M. Pesa, Harry Reinbold, Papadopoulos, Rosignolo and Michele Cusmano.

In 1969 Harry Reinbold took over as coach and Vince Nespeca became president. The committee was active on the transfer market and players brought to the club were: H. Malloy, Buffoni, Tonetti, Camera, Robert and



Fawkner's first team squad: BACK ROW: Carlo Bertocchi, Aldo Vesnaver and Vince Medri. Robert Terzini, Cesare Fattore, Michele Giacomi, Albadini. FRONT ROW: Rocco Santangelo, Frank Caruso, Bruno Sabidussi, Les Gooney.

Eros Bertocchi, Aldo Vesnaver and Vince Medri.

Some juniors were introduced to the team — Tony Mainenti, who transferred to Juventus for the 1977 season and played a dozen games in the State League and John and George Pater who were convinced to give up Australian Rules Football and play soccer with Fawkner. John captained Fawkner for many years and won a best and fairest award. Both brothers then joined Polonia and George became president.

The 1972 season saw many important changes in the Fawkner set-up. The club moved from McBryde Street ground to one in Smith Reserve which had changing rooms! Aldo Vesnaver became first team coach but the biggest change came at the end of the season.

After months of negotiations Fawkner and old rivals Fitzroy-Azzurri amalgamated, thus ending the existence of Azzurri which had dominated Sunday soccer by winning four premierships and two District League Cups in six years of life.

The bolstered Fawkner

was now in the Provisional League and went all out to win the championship in 1973. A draw against Werribee in the postponed last game would have been enough to give Fawkner the coveted first premiership but the pressure was too much and the team cracked, going down by the odd goal to the delight of the many Frankston Pines fans present at the game.

The amalgamation had proved successful and the team was stronger than in previous years. The normal line-up was: Penzo, G. Pater, Giacomini, J. Pater, Borgese, Barbetta, Vidra, Minnala, Maramma, Mainenti, Cosmano.

1974 saw some more new faces and some rather radical changes. Marcello D'Amico, the well known Italian sporting journalist and a member of the Australian Soccer Coaches Federation, joined the club and established the very first post of Club Soccer

Director. Graziano Capulli took over the presidency from Vince Nespeca who had returned to Italy.

Claudio Korlevic, a star with the Azzurri team and with George Cross, became coach in 1974. Several new players joined from other clubs and brilliant juniors like Tony Schipano, Silvio Frassin, Robert and Frank Marcato came on the scene.

However a mid-season slump by Fawkner proved costly and at the end of the season the club missed out on the championship by a solitary point.

1974 had proved the beginning of a new era. Dynamic club secretary Tony Petrolito showed the way. The club negotiated with the Broadmeadows City Council for improvements to the Smith Reserve ground in Jukes Road.

D'Amico and Korlevic were still in charge of the first team for 1975 but Frank Calabria had come in as team manager. Sam Pizzo was elected presi-

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The Fawkner team that played the early Cup matches in 1977. Back row from left: president G. Cap M. Cosmano, G. Pater, R. Vecchiato, J. Rossetto, G. Lia, B. Pesa, D. Epifano, G. Guglielmi, team manager B. Panas, N. Rudicin, S. Bazzano, G. Frolia, A. Spataro, P. Quattrocchi and masseur G. Scordia.

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**Well Done "COACH"  
Well Done "PLAYERS"**  
**CONGRATULATIONS DINO DEMARCHY FOR  
GUIDING OUR SECOND TEAM TO SUCCESS.**

# B THAT AIMS FOR THE TOP!



Sabidussi, Mike Lynn (player-coach),  
onia Mainenti, Claudio Polita, Sergi Sa-  
le, Giuseppe Perri, F. Tudic, Salvatore

replacing Capulli.  
nico and Calabria  
e to play vital roles  
development of the  
They did a tre-  
dous amount of work  
are still hard at the  
of making Fawkner  
greater.  
e build-up to the 1975  
on was successful. The  
won the pre-season  
nament at Rosebud  
the Peninsula Cup,  
ing in the final Dove-  
which was then in the  
d Division of the Met-  
ropolitan League.  
e winning team was:  
lario, G. Pater, Mam-  
e, Vecchiato, Borgese,  
etta, Di Bartolo,  
nacci, Mainenti, J.  
F. Mochi. Reserves:  
evic, R. Marcato, T.  
rma, Frassin, Lakic,  
etti and P. Quattro-  
c-



coach P. Balassone,  
er L. Fioravanti. Front

finishing the season as top  
scorer in First Division.

However Fawkner was  
once again pipped at the  
post for the championship.  
Morwell Falcons and Faw-  
kner both finished on 36  
points but goal average fa-  
voured the Latrobe Valley  
team.

In 1976 Frank Calabria  
replaced Marcello D'A-  
mico as sporting director.  
Graziano Capulli returned  
to the presidency. In  
March 1976 the Mayor of  
Broadmeadows, Keith  
Evans, officially opened  
the club's new pavilion. It  
was appropriate that Cr.  
Evans opened the new  
complex for he had done so  
much work for the club.

For the fourth year run-  
ning Fawkner was near  
but yet so far from winning  
the elusive championship.  
Geelong finished first with  
32 points followed by Mor-  
well and Fawkner. Then  
the V.S.F. dropped a  
bombshell when it accept-  
ed Morwell's application  
for entry to the Met-  
ropolitan League.

However Fawkner re-  
tained the Peninsula Cup  
and organised the highly  
successful Italian Cup.  
Over 16,000 people were in-  
volved in the all Italian  
tournament which ran for  
six weeks at the end of the  
season.

Four months before the  
end of the year Mario  
Spina replaced Korlevic as  
coach and with him he  
brought many players  
from Trieste.

But the greatest acqui-  
sition was Dario Epifano  
the former Juventus and  
George Cross star.

Other first team players  
were Spadaro, Panas, Bar-  
betta, Borgese, Guglielmi,  
Rossetto, Vecchiato,  
Weimper, Mainenti, Fran-  
nin, Schipano, J. Pater,  
Minnala, Frolla, Herman-  
dez, C. Tavoraro, Lia, R.  
Marcato, Pessa, Bazzano,  
Quattrocchi and Mammo-  
ne. The Fawkner Reserve  
team won its league.  
At the beginning of the

1977 season Fawkner knew  
that the top two teams  
from the Provisional  
League would be promoted  
and under new coach Peter  
Balassone and team man-  
ager Luciano Fioravanti  
started the season in "a  
blaze of glory."

Fawkner won the Penin-  
sula Cup for the third year  
running and on the same  
afternoon a reserve junior  
team won the Lazzari Cup.

The feat of winning two  
trophies in one day was  
truly a remarkable and  
historic achievement.

To help the club's push  
for promotion several new  
players were brought into  
the team. They included  
Carlo Sabidussi, Baravelli,  
Serani, Caruso (all ex-Ju-  
ventus) and Nino Budicin  
from Nunawading United.

Fielding a very strong  
side Fawkner was favorite  
to win the championship  
but once again it missed  
out by a whisker but this  
time in finishing second it  
won promotion for the first  
time.

Fawkner ran the Italian  
Cup again in 1977 and this  
time under new coach  
John Bressan, who re-  
placed Balassone midway  
through the season. Faw-  
kner beat Regent and Ju-  
ventus in preliminary  
rounds and then just man-  
aged to overcome East  
Carlton in the final 2-1.  
Overall it was a successful  
year.

Players used during the



Joe Barbaro,  
assistant coach

season were C. Sabidussi,  
Spadaro, Sorani, Panas,  
Frolla, Guglielmi, Rosset-  
to, Caruso, Vecchitto,  
Baravelli, J. Pater, Bud-  
icin, Pieramatti, Bazzano,  
Schipano, Epifano, Lakic,  
Mammone, Cusmano,  
Quattrocchi, Avraam and  
Barbetta.

Fawkner began prepara-  
tion for 1978 as soon as 1977  
season was over.

New players signed  
were Carlo Graser (from  
Bulleen), Fragale, Vec-  
chio (Triestina), Polita  
(Moreland) and from Ju-  
ventus returned Tony Mai-  
nenti.

However the biggest  
signing was Dino De  
Marchi the former Ju-  
ventus goal scoring ma-  
chine.

In June Tony Boggi, the  
former Juventus, Alexan-  
der and Socorro coach,  
was appointed first team  
coach with Marcello D'A-  
mico as his assistant.

After a slow start in the  
Fourth Division the team  
hit top gear and from then  
on it was one-way traffic  
for the premiership. After  
many years of dis-  
appointment the club had  
won a premiership.

Boggi had great regard  
for Fawkner. "It's a great  
club, with great players  
and administrators. Clubs  
like Fawkner will be  
successful because they  
are ambitious and plan  
well for the future. I'm  
very happy to be here. Who  
knows, I may be coaching  
Fawkner in the State  
League in a few years  
time."

1979 was a hard year for  
the club. Fawkner came  
third in the league behind  
Park Rangers and Morwell  
Falcons, but the season  
finished on a high note  
when in the final of the  
Coppa Italia the Azzurri  
soundly beat Juventus 3-1.

Giuseppe Failla was  
president for the year.  
Under his astute lead-  
ership the club strength-  
ened its ties with the  
Broadmeadows council,  
negotiated a liquor licence  
and completed a most suc-  
cessful sponsorship cam-  
paign.

During the year the club  
had three coaches. Bal-  
assone was in charge for ap-  
proximately four months  
and then followed Johnny  
Bressan. Harry Reinbold  
took over for the last three  
matches of the Coppa Ita-  
lia. The basic team for the  
year was: Panas, Caruso,  
Vecchiato, Schipano, Fat-  
tore, Mainenti, Epifano,

Polita Frolla, Lepore, Av-  
raam, Infelice, Fragale.

1980 was very thrilling  
and rewarding for the  
Fawkner Soccer Club and  
despite many injuries the  
club won promotion to the  
second division of the Met-  
ropolitan League.

Sam Pizzo was once  
again elected president  
after having served two

terms as treasurer and  
Mike Lynn was appointed  
first team coach.

The squad was: Terzini,  
Sabbadini, Caruso, Schipa-  
no, C. Sabidussi, Mainenti,  
Fragale, Menesses, Fran-  
nin, Roccioletti, Vec-  
chiato, Perri, Polita,  
Frolla, Fattore, Epifano,  
Lepore.

1981 is still in progress

and Fawkner for the fourth  
time in five years won  
promotion. The 1975 pro-  
phesy of the then sporting  
director had proved true:  
"With proper program-  
ming and hard work Faw-  
kner could reach state  
league status within six  
years. I am confident that  
Fawkner could do even  
better than Mooroolbark."



Fawkner coach Mike Lynn

## Lynn played in top company

### COACH:

Date of Birth:

Place of Birth:

Aussie Clubs:

Michael Lynn

1963.50

Leeds, England

Ringwood City Wilhelmnia's,

Croydon City

Mike Lynn played most of his football in  
England with top English amateur team York-  
shire Amateurs. This followed a period as an  
apprentice professional with Wolverhampton  
Wanders.

He emigrated to Australia in December  
1970 to play for Ringwood City Wilhelmnia.  
Seven years with this club saw Lynn play  
alongside many of Australia's greatest  
players including Peter Ollerton, Gary Cole,  
Collins and Willie Hamilton.

Lynn believes the best player he ever  
played with was Terry Luckhurst (who tragically  
died at the age of 40) and his most diffi-  
cult opponent was John Gardiner, whom he  
considers the best ever player to be brought to  
Australia.

Lynn turned to coaching in 1977 when he  
gained his Senior Coaching Badge through the  
Australian Soccer Federation. This achieve-

ment (the highest Australian coaching award)  
led to him assisting the then State Director of  
coaching, Ron Smith and the National Coach,  
Jim Shoulder in running coaching courses for  
prospective coaches and assisting with the  
Victorian representative teams of all age  
levels. The English FA coaching badge was  
the next achievement — a reward he consid-  
ers to be worth its weight in gold.

The desire to be totally involved with club  
soccer brought Lynn to Fawkner. After turn-  
ing down many offers due to clubs being  
unable to offer adequate training facilities and  
more importantly unable to offer local players  
with potential (an aspect which Michael con-  
siders essential for the future of Australian  
Soccer) Lynn saw Fawkner as the perfect  
example of what he was looking for — that is  
— good facilities, potentially excellent players  
with more to follow!

He believes that coaching players is more to  
do with instructive teaching and theoretical  
understanding than anything else and states  
that under the part-time conditions it could  
take three years to develop a player to his full  
potential and maybe five years for a whole  
club.

Although Lynn realises that such time ele-  
ments are "unrealistic" he is very happy with  
Fawkner and pleased with the development  
this far.

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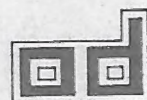
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## Les Scheinflug wants Hogben

By CRAIG MACKENZIE



Ajax defender Gerry Bennett gets clear of Croatia's Ken Murphy but referee Jim Fearn has spotted a foul. Photo by LES SHORROCK

### CROATIA 0 AJAX 2 (Kokoska o.g., Macleod).

**CROATIA:** Blasby 5 - Short 5, Kokoska 7, Adams 7, Blavner (inj. Gilder 16th 5) - Tront 5 (Ramgah 52nd), P. Bannion 6, Kerr 5 - Bel-novic 5, Drogan 6, Murphy 5.  
**AJAX:** Dmyrs 8 - Hogben 8, Gardiner 8, Peter Lewis 7 (inj. Paul Lewis 55th), G. Bennett 7 - Guechian 6 (inj. Vassallo H.T. 7), A. Bennett 7, Williams 7 - Wall 7, Macleod 7, Morrey 5.

Socceroo coach Les Scheinflug almost snapped up Ajax right back Dave Hogben to go on Australia's two match overseas World Cup campaign. Scheinflug was in touch with Ajax coach Bobby MacLachlan a week before Sunday's game but time didn't permit passport and transport arrangements to be finalised to allow Hogben to join the young Socceroos.

It was just as well with Stuart Cannell suspended and the likelihood of Hogben being unavailable MacLachlan would have been forced into reorganising his defence drastically. But I doubt that it



would have made much difference. Had Hogben been unavailable Gerry Bennett would have played right back with Jim Williams slotting into the left back role. In fact Williams did just that for most of the second half after Peter Lewis was carried off with a deep gash near his left ankle from an off the ball clash with Alan Kerr in the 55th minute. And Hogben was one of Ajax's outstanding players in a game which never rose to the expectations of the 4000 plus crowd at Olympic Park. Ajax always made sure to get many players behind the ball whenever Croatia came forward and the tale of Croatia's woe was told from the edge of the Ajax area - the place where so many Croatia moves broke down.

While Ajax sweeper John Gardiner ruled the roost at the back it was Hogben who took time off to surge forward, especially in the last 30 minutes and catch out Croatia without good cover at the back.

Croatia's problems started early. As early as the 12th minute when Ante Blavner was injured in a tackle with Bill Morrey and left the field to receive treatment. But Blavner didn't return and after Croatia played with 10 men for four minutes Carl Gilder appeared at the touchline ready to replace the Croatia left back. But Gilder, playing his first game for four weeks, rarely was sighted.

Dave Brogan turned Peter Lewis three times in the first 20 minutes but then from then on Lewis was in command. Perhaps the big problem for Croatia lay in the middle of the park where Paddy Bannion, Joe Tront and Alan Kerr were unable to assert an ascendancy.

Kevin Wall twice slipped through in the first half but his first chance was parried over by Peter Blasby and his second, from John Gardiner's cultured curled pass into the area, was thwarted by Wall's inability to control in time and slam the ball goalward from six metres out.

Ajax hit the front through a dreadful blunder by Blasby. The tall, lanky Croatia keeper rose unopposed to try and pluck a Gardiner free kick out of the air but allowed the ball to cut inside and slip the ball under John Giannopoulos's body. A minute after the break Peter Thurlow's shot from the edge of the area escaped Giannopoulos's grasp and gave the Doves their two goal lead.

## Greener gets hat-trick

### ALTONA 2 (Jones, Luyten o.g.) RINGWOOD 4 (Greener 3, Luyten).

**ALTONA:** Menish 8 - Thomson 6, Kilpatrick 6, Cooper 6, P. Wilson 6 - Jones 8, Mercer 6, Innes 6 - Little 6, Whyte 6, Wattars 6.  
**RINGWOOD:** Fearn 7 - Pasman 5, Luyten 7, Brooks 6, Varniers 6 - O'Callaghan 7, Malt 6, Dixon 6 - Greener 8, O'Riley 6, Thom 7.

A hat-trick by talented Ringwood striker Ian Greener and an inept defensive display by Altona in the second half were the highlights of this clash. Altona looked the better side in the opening 30 minutes but again failed to effectively strike at the Ringwood goal.

Ringwood hit the front in the 35th minute. Rathman Memish palmed the ball to David Dixon from a Ringwood corner. Big John Luyten had moved up into the Ringwood area and Dixon sent the ball back into goal. Again Memish palmed but straight to Luyten who had no trouble knocking the ball home from 10 metres.

A minute after the interval scores were level. Luyten failed to clear after good work by Kevin Innes and Howard Mercer. Steve Jones ran in and



slotted the ball past the neapless Les Fearn. But a great run down the left by Brian Thom put Ringwood back in front. Thom crossed far past to the incoming Greener who volleyed in almost on the goal line.

Altona's marking at the back almost was non-existent. It's defence continually got caught square in the second half with acres of room behind it allowing Ringwood to knock through balls into this space for players running through.

One such ball, a Paul O'Riley pass, set up Greener for his second and Ringwood's third goal.

Then Luyten misread Fearn's positioning and stroked the ball past his advancing keeper but Altona's slim hopes were dashed when Bobby Malt ran onto Thom's ball down Ringwood's left, beat two defenders then squared to Greener to sidefoot in and notch his hat-trick.

## Purge at Doveton

### NORTHCOTE 1 (Fakos) DOVETON 2 (Quin, Thurlow)

**NORTHCOTE:** Giannopoulos 7 - Nelson 6, Avgerakis 6 (sent off 55th), Popovic 6, Petrou 6, Moulton 6, Fakos 7, Ruzhik 6, Kallifidis 6 - Kojic 6, Sahinidis 6.  
**DOVETON:** Ivanoff 7 - Merrick 7, Corke 7, Hulst 7, Porter 6 - Thurlow 8, Bentley 7, McIvor 7 - Irvine 7 (Bono 75th), Christie 8, Quin 7.

Doveton coach Danny McMinimie effected a mid-week purge which deposed Alec McConville, Norman Wilcock and Jim McLaughlin who played in the reserves against Northcote.

And all three are unlikely to figure in Doveton's 1982 plans. McMinimie was bitterly disappointed with the attitude of these players in recent weeks when the Doves scraped in 1-0 against Altona and went down 2-1 to Sunshine.

But he was a nappy man with Sunday's 2-1 result at

though Northcote, once reduced to 10 men when Nick Avgerakis was sent off in the 55th minute, took the game to the Doves and pulled back from its 2-0 deficit when Con Fakos hammered home a spectacular volley from the edge of the area.

Gengiz Mustapha Hulst, recently turned 17, came into the Doveton line-up as a stopper

and did well in his State League debut. It was Hulst's through ball in the 20th minute which set-up Alan Quin to cut inside and slip the ball under John Giannopoulos's body.

A minute after the break Peter Thurlow's shot from the edge of the area escaped Giannopoulos's grasp and gave the Doves their two goal lead.

## GAMBIN HURT

### SUNSHINE 0 GEORGE CROSS 1 (Toal o.g.)

**SUNSHINE:** Conlin 7 - Lowe 7 - Dixey 7, Scerri 8, Ellis 7, Taylor 7, Esposito 6 (Mussel 85th), Nelson 7, McAvoy 6 - Bain 7, McRobert 7.  
**GEORGE CROSS:** Gay 6 - Wilkinton 7, Gambin 7 (Farrer H.T. 7), Morgan 6, Maitland 7, McKelvey 7 - McCann 6, Rigby 7, Papera 6 - O. Bannion 7, Toal 6.

Cross youngster Paul Gambin was felled in a clash with Shiners' keeper Alan Conlin just before the interval and taken to hospital at half time where he received stitches in a wound just above his eye.

Despite Gambin's loss George Cross kept its tenacious hold of fourth spot in the league intact thanks to a Bobby Toal penalty in the 41st minute.

Hugh McCann directed his long throw in to the near post where Ged Bannion headed on. Dave Rigby tried to control the bounce of the ball and volley home but Rob Nelson challenged and handled and referee Henderson pointed to the spot. Toal made sure of opening Cross's account.

### Pasman's dinner

Every week "Soccer Action" nominates a State League Player of the Week who wins a dinner for two at Leo's Restaurant, 55 Fitzroy Street, St. Kilda. The winner can pick up his ticket from "Soccer Action," 803 Little Lonsdale Street, Melbourne. At Leo's the winner should ask for the manager, Carlo Giannidis. This week's winner is Ringwood right back DON PASMAN.

## Ilham leads Holland's rise with 42 goals



Holland Park's senior squad. BACK ROW: Celal Ilham, Ali Fethi Tayfun Ertugrul, Aydir Kuluk, Ali Kotan, Telat Gunerli. FRONT ROW: Sakin Boyaci, Ajah Ilham, Savas Saglam (captain), Salim Boyaci, Selami Sir.

Victorian Amateur League club Holland Park is prepared to bid as high as \$20,000 to win a place in a higher league.

That's how much money the Turkish community has given the club after it won the 1981 Amateur League championship at both senior and reserve levels.

Holland Park's excellent facilities at J. J. Holland Park in Kensington and the club's social rooms in Sydney Road, Brunswick are strong arguments for Holland Park's inclusion in a higher league if any vacancy becomes available.

With the planned reorganisation of the State League Holland Park is hoping that a vacancy will be created in the District or Provisional Leagues.

Three Holland Park youngsters are in the Victorian Schoolboys' titles in Melbourne throughout this week. They are Celal Ilham, Aydin Bol and Savas Saglam. Ilham, an 18 year old striker, is the top scorer in Amateur League soccer this season with 42 league goals to his credit. Bol, a midfielder, is the captain of the schoolboys and the speedy Saglam captains Holland Park's first team.

Holland Park first team coach Muammer Adalar is a former Turkish under-21 international and holds a senior coaching badge from F.I.F.A. The club was formed in 1979 and played under the auspices of the Victorian Amateur Federation until coming into the VSF fold this year. Holland Park's under-13's take on North Geelong in the semi-finals of the HLMC Cup at Denny Park, Brighton on Sunday, August 30 at 11.30 am and the club will run under-12's, 14's and 16's in 1982. With solid backing from Melbourne's Turkish community Holland Park is destined to drive up through the leagues and establish itself as one of the best supported clubs in Victoria.

But Macleod had the last laugh when he made a run from the far post to glance a header home from only five metres out in the 60th minute. From that moment on Croatia was a beaten team.

Throughout this all important clash Ajax always was more urgent, aggressive and committed. It didn't have a bad player while at least five Croatia players should hold their heads in shame.

"We're just about here," was the understatement of the year voiced by MacLachlan after the match.

"Maybe in a few weeks time we'll have won the triple crown - the league, Ampol and Dockerty Cups. I'm told no side has done that in the same year and that's what we're after now."

Croatia president Joe Sigur and manager Frank Burn were disgusted after the match with the lack of commitment of some Croatia players. "Thank God the season is almost over," said Sigur. "We'll sign about six new players for next year and some of the present players will be told to look for another club," he added.

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# CROYDON THE LAST HURDLE

**Green Gully Ajax will be out finally to clinch its first ever State League title when it meets Croydon at Green Gully Reserve on Sunday.**

And Croydon is out to secure its place in the top four and gear itself for an assault on the State League Cup later this year.

Croydon will go to Green Gully looking for both points. It will use the Loughnane brothers, Ian and Peter, up front with another player wide.

Ajax has a few defensive problems. Stuart Cannell's fate will be decided at the VSF tribunal on Wednesday night while Peter Lewis is struggling to overcome a nasty gash near his ankle suffered against Croatia on Sunday.

Should both Cannell and Lewis be unavailable I expect Ajax manager-coach Bobby McLachlan to use Gerry Bennett as Ian Loughnane's marker. Dave Hogben could be given the job of curbing Peter Loughnane's pace and don't be surprised to see Jim Williams given a full back role.

The way these Ajax players are giving their all they could use Gus Macleod at the back, Kevin Wall sweeping, Gordon Wallace in goal and Lou Denys on the wing and still do quite well.

But there's no way that Ajax will take Croydon lightly. Steve McCombe was injured in Croydon's huge 7-1 drubbing of Hakoah on Sunday but he'll be needed to take on Macleod, especially in the air where the big Ajax striker has proven himself to be the best in the league.

I think Ajax will win. It certainly will have the advantage of a spirited partisan following and later on Sunday evening green and white flags, banners and streamers should decorate the Ajax social rooms as celebrations continue into the early hours of Monday morning.

Juventus must beat Croatia to retain its slim hope of avoiding relegation.

These sides meet at Gillon Oval on Sunday and don't be surprised to see a couple of new faces in the Croatia line-up.

I expect Danny Ramliak and Ned Battistone to keep their places in the first team squad but depending on the repercussions at committee level from Sunday's 2-0 loss to Ajax a few regular faces could be disappointed by their omission.



Victorian State League  
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Don't be surprised to see Elvio Pugliese take over the custodian's role from Peter Blasby. Danny Dezic and Steve Gojevic also should be in the first team squad.

Croatia has little to play for. It's top four status is secure. It's Juventus which is fighting for its life and this game could be closer than most people think.

It's hard though to see Juve winning. I'll stick with Croatia to get home by a whisker.

Hakoah really has blown it in recent weeks. It's top four hopes have vanished along with a fairly respectable goal difference. With 10 goals against from its past two games Hakoah now has the third worst goal difference in the league.

Altona, Hakoah's Middle Park opponent on Sunday, gave an undisciplined defensive display in the second half of its game with Ringwood on the weekend and a repeat performance would allow Hakoah to start to retrieve some respectability by slamming a few goals in.

But for now what have you got to look forward to if you play for either of these sides.

Hakoah can start thinking about next year. I know that a few of its players already are doing just that and Hakoah isn't the word on the tips of their tongues whenever they talk about the 1982 season.

Maybe Hakoah will win this match, though it's with no certainty that I'm going for it.

George Cross needs to keep its top four challenge on target by beating Northcote at Chaplin Reserve on Sunday.

If the Cross players remember the clash between these sides

earlier in the season they'll recall the "goal which never was" which gave Northcote a 2-2 draw.

Cross has so much more to play for. With Ged Bannan and Bobby Toal up front it should be too strong for the Northerners.

Frankston needs a point from Sunday's sojourn to Waratah Reserve to make absolutely certain of playing in the State League next year.

The Doves are hot on George Cross's heels for a top four berth but their impetus could be slowed by drawing with the Baysiders.

The Doveton defence has been praised throughout most of this season and it will need to be at its best to curb Charlie Egan and Billy Buchanan, the lynchpins of Frankston's attack.

The Baysiders boast an excellent midfield trio with Carl Holford, Eric Lesbirel and Graham Tutill and they should keep Egan busy with a regular supply of balls.

If former Pines youngster Andy Goldby, plays right back, he'll find the elusive Alan Quin a handful.

The Doves may push a player onto Frankston sweeper Rob Stewart who has had a remarkably successful second half of the season. It will be interesting to see how Stewart copes, because the Baysiders no longer can rely upon the quicksilver reactions of the brilliant Dave Gilbert sent off against Juventus on Sunday.

Ringwood and Sunshine should have little between them when the final whistle blows at Jubilee Park on Sunday.

Neither side has impressed this year but 1982 could be a far different proposition.

**Doveton v Frankston (draw) at Waratah Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.**

**Juventus v CROATIA at Gillon Oval, Sunday, 3 p.m.**

**HAKOAH v Altona at Middle Park, Sunday 3 pm.**

**Ringwood v Sunshine (draw) at Jubilee Park, Sunday, 3 pm.**

**GEORGE CROSS v Northcote at Chaplin Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.**

**AJAX v Croydon at Green Gully Reserve, Sunday, 3 pm.**

## OFF ON AGAIN

**FRANKSTON 2 (Egan 2)**  
**JUVENTUS 3 (Incantulpo, Cavallari pen., Heery).**

FRANKSTON: Gilbert 8 (sent off 40th) - Gaby 8, Stewart 9, Ormond 7 (sent off 7), Irvine 7, Holford 6, Lesbirel 6, Tutill 6 - Buchanan 7, Egan 8, Campbell 7.

JUVENTUS: Fantome 8 - Curcio 9, Della Rocca 7, Donadon 7, Nird 6 - Smith 6, Cavallari 7, Cunningham 8 (Clacko 72nd), Heery 8 - Ristovski 7, Incantulpo 8.

Dave Gilbert was sent off and referee Nick Karlich abandoned a dramatic Centenary Park clash in the 40th minute but restarted almost 25 minutes later.

Frankston officials are fuming. They claim Karlich told them that the match was abandoned because Frankston's Director of Coaching John Pryde refused to leave the field as instructed by referee Karlich.

Frankston claims that Karlich didn't show Pryde a red card yet Pryde was on the Frankston team sheet as a substitute.

And Frankston players were told by club officials Les Smith during the long stoppage that the game had been called off so some of them started to shower and get changed.

I believe that Tony Beazleigh, a referee's inspector, spoke at length to Karlich during the stoppage.

When play restarted the sides kicked off for the second half but the match had been abandoned before the 45 minutes were up for the first half!

Both sides shone in an exciting first half and it took the Baysiders only eight minutes to hit the front when Charlie Egan followed in on Alex Fantome's parried save from a Bill Buchanan shot from the right side of the Juve area.

Three minutes later Fabio Incantulpo turned and twisted past two defenders then slammed a superb low shot past Gilbert from about 12 metres.

Incantulpo must have thought that he had put Juve ahead shortly after when he thumped the ball goalward from 10 metres but Gilbert reacted brilliantly to parry then grasp at the second attempt.

Rob Stewart switched play to the left side in the 30th minute and set up Carl Holford who had eluded Juve's offside play. Holford took the ball to the by line then squared back



to the incoming Egan who sidestepped high into the roof of the Juve net.

Then all hell broke loose in the 40th minute.

Stewart sent Incantulpo bearing down on Gilbert and stepped into the path of the young Juve striker. Karlich awarded a penalty and Gilbert, in possession, kicked the ball away in disgust. He was given a yellow card. Charlie Smith took the spot kick but Gilbert saved. Karlich ruled that Gilbert had moved too early and ordered the penalty to be retaken. Again Gilbert kicked the ball away so Karlich sent him off.

Pryde raced around the touchline as Gilbert walked off, trying to get his young keeper to take off his strip and give it to 17 year old defender Eddie Ormond who was to take over the keeping duties for the last few minutes of the half. Karlich and Pryde clashed verbally and Karlich allegedly ordered Pryde from the playing arena. Pryde apparently refused to go and Tiziano Cavallari replaced Smith as the penalty taker and made no mistake to level at 2-2.

Then Karlich and Pryde again clashed and Karlich took his two linesmen from the park after abandoning the match.

Strangely it was Frankston's 10 men which gave Juve hell for most of the second half but Tony Heery's half deflected shot beat reserve team keeper Nigel Bent in the 80th minute. Bent had replaced Ormond at half time.

Three minutes later Graham Tutill was brought down inside the Juve area and Karlich had no hesitation in awarding a penalty to the Baysiders.

The whole scene took on an unreal quality when Frankston's two goal hero, Egan, hammered his penalty attempt high and wide.

Frankston is lodging an official complaint with the VSF over referee Karlich's handling of the match. The Baysiders are seeking a replay.

## TEAM OF THE WEEK

Lou DENYS	Don PASMAN	John GARDINER	Steve SCERRI	Tony CURCIO
Peter THURLOW	Rob STEWART	Peter DENRIDER	Peter LOUGHNANE	Ian LOUGHNANE
Arthur CHERRIE				

## STATE LEAGUE

	W	D	L	F	A	P
AJAX.....	15	2	3	42	10	32
CROATIA.....	11	6	3	38	17	28
CROYDON.....	9	7	4	40	22	25
GEO CROSS.....	11	2	7	28	18	24
Doveton.....	6	11	3	24	22	23
Northcote.....	7	4	9	32	44	18
Hakoah.....	5	8	7	24	38	18
Frankston.....	7	3	10	30	32	17
Sunshine.....	7	3	10	29	32	17
Wilhelmina.....	6	4	10	29	42	16
Juventus.....	5	4	11	18	35	14
Altona.....	2	4	14	20	42	8

## Bannan holds lead

America Travel's State League Player of the Year will win a return trip for two to Spain, tickets to World Cup games including the semi-finals and final, travel to and from the grounds and hotel accommodation including dinner, bed and breakfast. The total value of the America Travel award is in excess of \$3,500.

This week's votes:  
CROATIA v AJAX  
3 - Dams (OGA)  
2 - Gardiner (OGA)  
1 - Hoshier (OGA)

CROYDON v HAKOAH  
3 - I. Loughnane (Croy)  
2 - P. Loughnane (Croy)  
1 - Denrider (Croy)

ALTONA v RINGWOOD  
3 - Pasma (R)  
2 - Marnah (A)  
1 - Greener (R)

FRANKSTON v JUVENTUS  
3 - Curcio (J)  
2 - Stewart (F)  
1 - Holford (F)

SUNSHINE v GEORGE CROSS  
3 - Scerr (S)  
2 - Wilkinson (GC)  
1 - Toal (GC)

NORTHCOLE v DOVETON  
3 - Thurlow (D)  
2 - Charlie (D)  
1 - Quin (D)

Progressive votes:  
22 - P. Bannan (C)  
21 - French (H)  
20 - Wilkinson (GC)  
19 - Gardiner (OGA), Stewart (F)

18 - Cannell (OGA)  
17 - G. Bannan (GC)

## Loughnane gets four of seven

**CROYDON 7 (I. Loughnane 4, Denrider, P. Loughnane, Howarth)**  
**HAKOAH 1 (C. Kent).**

CROYDON: Edwards 7 - Brown 7, McCombe 7 (Ing. Howarth 68th), Pompho 6, Halsdon 7 - Denrider 6, Smith 6, Wade 8 - P. Loughnane 8, I. Loughnane 9, Bakker 7.

HAKOAH: Fryzzer 4 - Davidson 6 (Nagy 60th), Hannah 5, Gadsby 6, Wilson (Ing. Rooney 30th 5) - Thomson 7, Jordanou 6, Kleg 5 - Webster 5, French 6, C. Kent 6.

Ian Loughnane grabbed four goals as Croydon steamrolled Hakoah and scored the highest number of goals in a State League match this season.

Croydon Park was a mud-bath and it was the home side which used the conditions well, hitting long balls to front-runners Ian and Peter Loughnane.

Hakoah went one down as early as the fourth minute when Peter Denrider's shot from the edge of the Hakoah area went in under the diving body of Mike Fryzzer.

Eight minutes later Gary Hobson crossed the far post across Steve McCombe headed back across goal. Paul Wade repeated the does from the opposite post and the unmarked Ian Loughnane sidefooted home from two metres.

Then George Hannah stepped in between Ian Loughnane and Fryzzer as they raced for the long ball played into the Hakoah area. Hannah pushed Loughnane and a penalty was awarded. Ian Loughnane notched his second and Croydon's third goal.

The stuffing was just about knocked out of Hakoah now and its cause wasn't helped when Stan Webster was clean

through but shot straight at Mick Edwards.

Ian Loughnane completed his hat-trick in the 57th minute when he turned and slammed the ball into the roof of the net from six metres.

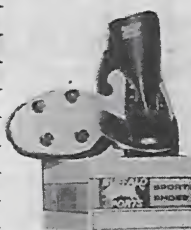
Then brother Peter got into the act by breaking through on the right and calmly chipping to the advancing Fryzzer.

It was goal number four for Ian Loughnane in the 62nd minute when he made a diagonal run then suddenly checked back toward goal, running onto Paul Wade's through ball, and slotted it past Fryzzer who must have thought this nightmare soon would end.

He was right. It ended when Johnny Howarth made it 7-0 for Croydon just two minutes after replacing the injured McCombe. A seemingly innocuous Howarth shot somehow went past about six players and slipped into the side of the Hakoah goal.

Poor Fryzzer. Just before Howarth's goal he had managed to hold a high ball into his area. The Croydon fans roared with delight. I think it's called a Bronx cheer.

And it would have been no consolation for him when teammate Chris Kent headed goalward from Graham French's chip to the far post in the 80th minute. Edwards and Mark Brown tried to stop Kent's header but the linesman's flag confirmed Hakoah's solitary reply.



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English and Scottish League Fixtures for Season 1981-82  
Matches played on ground of first mentioned Club

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English League — Division I									
Season	1976	'77	'78	'79	'80	'81			
Arsenal v Stoke City	0-1	2-0	-	-	0-0	2-0			
Aston Villa v Notts County	1-1	0-2	3-0	4-3	1-2	0-2			
Coventry v Manchester United	5-2	2-2	2-1	1-0	-	1-1			
Everton v Birmingham City	-	-	3-1	-	-	4-1			
Ipswich Town v Sunderland	-	-	1-0	1-3	2-2	1-3			
Manchester City v Tottenham	1-0	2-0	-	-	1-0	0-0			
Middlesbrough v Tottenham	3-1	2-1	-	-	1-0	2-0			
Norwich City v Southampton	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Sheff Wed v Leeds United	-	-	-	-	-	-			
West Ham United v Brighton	1-3	-	-	-	0-0	-			
Wolverhampton v Liverpool	-	-	1-3	0-1	1-0	4-1			

English League — Division II									
Barrow v Shrewsbury Town	-	-	-	-	-	1-2	3-1		
Blackburn Rovers v Sheffield Wednesday	0-1	2-1	-	-	4-3	2-0			
Chelsea v Bolton Wanderers	-	-	-	-	1-1	-			
Crystal Palace v Cambridge	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Derby County v Orient	-	-	-	-	-	1-1			
Grimsby Town v Leicester City	1-1	2-0	7-1	3-0	3-0	-			
Luton Town v Charlton Athletic	-	-	-	-	-	0-2	2-1		
Newcastle United v Watford	-	-	-	-	-	0-2	2-1		
Oldham Athletic v Cardiff City	-	-	-	-	-	0-3	2-0		
Rotherham United v Norwich City	-	-	-	-	-	-	-		
Wrexham v Queens Park Rangers	-	-	-	-	-	1-3	1-1		

English League — Division III									
Season	1976	'77	'78	'79	'80	'81			
Bristol Rovers v Chester	0-1	-	-	-	-	-			
Cardiff City v Bristol City	1-1	-	2-2	2-2	-	-			
Doncaster Rovers v Reading	-	-	-	-	-	1-1			
Fulham v Bradford	-	-	-	-	-	0-0			
Gillingham v Burnley	-	-	-	-	-	0-0			
Huddersfield Town v Exeter City	0-1	0-1	-	-	-	5-0			
Millwall v Preston North End	2-0	-	-	-	0-2	-			
Newport County v Chesterfield	-	-	-	-	-	6-1			
Plymouth Argyle v Oxford United	2-1	-	2-1	0-1	1-1	3-0			
Portsmouth v Lincoln City	-	-	-	-	-	1-0			
Swindon Town v Wrexham	-	-	-	-	-	2-1			
Walsall v Southend United	2-3	-	-	-	-	1-1			

English League — Division IV									
Season	1976	'77	'78	'79	'80	'81			
Aldershot v Darlington	1-2	3-2	1-1	1-1	2-1	-			
Blackpool v Stockport County	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Bournemouth v Crewe Alexandra	1-0	0-0	1-0	0-1	0-0	0-0			
Bradford City v Wigan Athletic	-	-	-	-	-	3-1			
Bury v Rochdale	-	-	-	-	-	3-1			
Hartlepool United v Colchester United	2-1	-	-	-	0-0	3-3			
Northampton Town v Southport United	0-3	2-1	-	-	1-2	1-0			
Peterborough United v Mansfield Town	-	-	-	-	-	0-0			
Port Vale v Halifax Town	-	-	-	-	0-1	0-0			
Sheff Wednesday v Haverhill United	-	-	-	-	-	1-1			
Torquay United v Hull City	-	-	-	-	-	4-4			
Tranmere Rovers v York City	-	-	-	-	-	1-2	5-0		

Scottish Premier League									
Season	1976	'77	'78	'79	'80	'81			
Celtic v Airdrie	1-0	2-3	0-0	2-2	1-1	1-3			
Dundee United v Aberdeen	4-0	-	-	-	5-2	0-0			
Hibernian v Dundee	2-1	0-4	1-0	2-1	1-1	-			
Partick Thistle v Rangers	2-2	5-1	-	0-0	0-3	1-1			
St Mirren v Morton	-	-	-	-	-	-			

Scottish League — Division I									
Season	1976	'77	'78	'79	'80	'81			
Dumfries v East Stirling	-	-	-	-	-	2-2			
Dunfermline v Hearts	-	-	-	-	-	0-3			
Falkirk v Ayr United	-	-	-	-	-	1-1	3-1		
Hamilton v Raith Rovers	-	-	-	-	-	0-0	-		
Kilmarnock v Motherwell	-	-	-	-	-	2-2	-		
Queen's Park v Clydebank	-	-	-	-	-	0-2	-		
St Johnstone v Queen of the South	-	-	-	-	-	2-2	1-2	5-2	-

Scottish League — Division II									
Season	1976	'77	'78	'79	'80	'81			
Albion Rovers v Cowdenbeath	1-1	4-2	4-3	1-1	2-1	2-0			
Aloa v Forfar Athletic	2-1	5-0	-	-	2-0	0-3			
Arbroath v Meadowbank Thistle	-	-	-	-	-	0-1			
Berwick Rangers v Montrose	-	-	-	-	-	-			
Brechin City v Stirling Albion	2-3	0-0	-	-	-	-			
Clyde v Stenhousemuir	-	-	-	-	-	0-0	3-0	-	2-2
East Fife v Stirling	-	-	-	-	-	2-0	1-0	3-1	-

English League — Division I									
Season	1976	'77	'78	'79	'80	'81			
Manchester United v Nottingham Forest	-	-	0-4	1-1	3-0	1-1			

English League — Division I									
Season	1976	'77	'78	'79	'80	'81			
Birmingham City v Ipswich Town	3-0	2-4	0-0	1-1	-	1-3			
Brighton v Swansea City	0-2	0-0	2-0	2-0	4-0	4-2			
Liverpool v Middlesbrough	-	-	-	-	-	3-2	0-3	4-2	-
Notts County v Manchester City	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Southampton v Wolverhampton	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-

From JIM COOK  
our European  
correspondent



# JOHNSON JITTERY

Craig Johnston admits he is "scared stiff" about playing for Liverpool. But after two matches on the European champions' pre-season tour Johnston, also confesses to being disappointed about his form.

The England under-21 star, signed for a club record \$1,300,000 last April said:

"Your dream is to make a big impact when you come to a club like this. But I don't feel I'm doing myself or the team justice."

He added: "Part of the problem is that I'm so nervous. I just seem to want to get rid of the ball too quickly."

Ipswich ace John Wark has turned down tempting offers that could have made him into a lira millionaire.

While the 23-year-old Scottish international was in Florence to receive the European Young Footballer of the Year award, he was approached by top Italian clubs Bologna and Fiorentina.

Birmingham City who have already signed Dutch star Toine van Merlo of PSV Eindhoven are poised to sign winger Bert Bracken from the same club after playing successful trials.

Liverpool's wage bill has exceeded \$2 million per year for some time but it has come as a surprise to learn that near neighbours Everton last season paid out \$2,280,000 in salaries and wages. Of course Liverpool got a sound return winning both the European and League Cups but the "Toffee-Makers" finished last season empty-handed.

Alfie Conn, the ex-Rangers, Celtic and Spurs striker who has returned from NASL soc-

cer, has signed for Ally McLeod's Motherwell.

First hat-trick of the Scottish season was scored by Eamon Bannon of Dundee United whose brothers Pat, Vince and Ged all play in Victorian State League.

F.A. Cup Winners Tottenham Hotspur suffered a blow on the eve of the new season when central striker Gareth Crooks underwent a cartilage operation which will sideline him for two months.

North American Soccer League where attendances have slumped, some quite alarmingly this season. Memphis, Detroit and Houston went under before the season started reducing the set-up to 21 clubs, and presently Washington Diplomats and Toronto Blizzard are up for sale. But NASL Commissioner Phil Woosnam is confident they will start next season with a full complement of clubs and says the problems are nothing that can't be solved.

## NSW

Standings for the Southern and Eastern Association

UNDER 7 DIVISION 1									
Sydney City A	8	3	1	3	13	21			
Marrickville A	8	2	4	3	14	20			
Queens Park A	5	4	2	5	18	18			
Papagood B	8	2	4	3	14	20			
Brothers A	8	2	4	3	14	20			
Randwick A	8	2	4	3	14	20			
Marrickville A	4	2	5	18	18	18			
Kingford	8	2	4	3	14	20			
Kewington A	1	2	10	28	8	8			
Papagood A	2	7	14	38	8	8			

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The boys' names will also appear in our list of "Hat-trick Heroes", published every week.

This week's hat-trick heroes:

Jonathan Watts, 12 (Baxter); Josip Bacak, 9, four goals (Highpoint); Andrew March, 12 (Sunshine C); Robert Zwargman, 14 (Monbulk); R. Wignall, 14, eight goals; A. Sakel, 5, Whitton (Hutchins — no address supplied, so certificates cannot be forwarded); Laif Hussein, 15 (Sunshine Heights); Jeffrey Barr, 12, four goals (Heathmont Baptist); Tony Marie, 12, five goals; Anton Nekle, 12, four goals; Mario Syster, 12, Vlado Devic, 10, six goals (Highpoint); Adriano Badarachi, 8 (Clayton); Paul Koussilas, 13, six goals (Heidelberg Alexander); Garvo Boyd, 14, Eugene

Regan, 15 (Moorebank); Jason Pisan, 11, (George Cross); Steve Sagadeles, 10, four goals (Southmore); Martin Kristan, 7, Michael Alexandris, 8 (Nunawading C); Albino Paris, 14 (Nunawading C); John Barnes, 12, Stephen Moss, 12, David Ashman, 12 (Eaglehawk); Andrew McCormack, 13, four goals, Michael Kelly, 12 (Springvale); C. Celialo, 12, V. T. Kelly, 11, four goals (Fawkner); Bill Kondopoulos, 9 (Waverley); Steve Goodie, 12, four goals (Germbrook); Jason Gillick, five goals (Frankston Pines); Damian Mori, 11, five goals; Harry Tsoumpiris, 14 (Box Hill); Nagop Schoomelian, 15 (Balacava); Ian Summerfield, 10, four goals (Bairnarring); Charlie Charalambous, 12 (George Cross); Dustin Bromley, 7, four goals; Daniel Lutermaier, 7, nine goals;

Sean Rashleigh, 7 (Moorebank); Ryan Coughlan, 9, Phil Gambuti, 11, Daniel Hoening, 11, Sam Dowling, 10, four goals; William Gertenaar, 11, four goals; Michael Tong, 11, Sean Robertson, 5, five goals; Matthew Jones, 6, Jonathan Hirst, 6 (Sydney City Hawks); Anton Nikic, 12 (Highpoint); S. Murray, 9, four goals (Mossfield); Jamie Selberran, 8, four goals; Stephen Bosch, 13, four goals; Joe Tanti, 15, six goals (Morwell Falcons); Alfredo DiDio, 8, five goals (Clayton); Angelos Filippou, 16 (Hawthorn Citizens); Leigh Shearn, 9 (Karrangul Utd); Ilija Anastasovic, 15 (Northcote); Frank Talla, 8, Jonathan Molnar, 9, Steve Bessis, 10, Michael Phisheoudakis, 13, Marie Rachoff, Julie Webb (Doncaster Rovers); M. Koukounaris, 12, four goals (Greensborough); Bera Andelkovic, 15 (Bellstar)

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## Mackenzie hoists England, reprieve for Germany, Santana leads Brazil's challenge



ZIKA NIKOLIC

### NEOCEKIVAN, ALI ZASLUZEN PORAZ

West Adelaide je odigrao utakmicu života, kao da se bori za naslov prvaka, dok je JUST igrao sa pola srca, smuseo i bez radosti. PLAVI su prvim polom bili gospodar i igra, izmudili su 12 turnera, a domaćin svega 4, ali to je bila jalova igra. Sredina skoro nije postajala, iako je Kandaros bio junak ove utakmice, koju JUST nije smao da dođe. Dva puta je vodio i oba puta je domaćin izjednačio u istom minutu zbog grubih gresaka nesigurne i neodlučne odbrane. Izdravko Lujic je dva puta bio u poziciji da ubode, ali JUST-a, međutim oba puta je bio brzoplet i promisao. Kada jedan iskusen igrač njegovog kova napravi takve greske, sta se može očekivati od ostalih?

JUST-ov navigacijski autobus se vratio razocarano u Melbourne. Razzararani su ostali i brojne navjaci iz Adelaide, koji su priride iz AVALIDA, nepamćen prijem.

Zoran Illoski je igrao bolestan, pa je zbog toga zamenjen, a njegova zamenja Jim O'Reilly je bio velika rupa u odbrani.

Sledeće nedelje JUST dočekuje na svom igralistu, gde postize izvanredne rezultate, Brisbane Lionsa i imaće priliku da popravi los bilans zadnjih utakmica i povrati poverenje navijača. Eventualna pobeda skinula bi poslednju brigu sa JUST-ovih leđa.

### VELIKA POBEDA MAKEDONIJE

Makedonija je u pravi čas povratila formu i obezbedila opstanak u Philips ligi, koje možda više neće biti. U svakom slučaju, makar sta se dogodilo, Makedonija ce opravdati svoj ulazak u najbolje fudbalsko takmičenje, koju je obogatila brojnim navijačima, dobrom organizacijom i lepom igrom.

Pobeda nad Adelaide City-om nije došla u pitanje ni u jednom trenutku, a mogla je biti veca da je bilo više sportske sreće.

Sledeće nedelje Makedonija igra u Brisbanu protiv Gladstonsa gde ce potvrditi da njene pobede nisu slučajne.

### AXAJ NOVI PRVAK VIKTORIJE

Necekivani poraz Croatije osigurao je Ajaxu prvi naslov prvaka Viktorije. Igraju se jos dva kola, ali prednost od cetiri boda je nedostizna. Veliko je iznenađenje je drugi uzastopni poraz Northcote City-a, koji su pocali Popovic i Kojic. Iduce nedelje Ajax igra protiv Croydon City-a na svom igralistu, Croatia je gost Juventusa, a Northcote City igra protiv George Cressa.

### OSTALI REZULTATI

DANDENONG CITI — FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T 1:2 (0:0). Heroji ove zastoale utakmice su golman Milutin Ciric i Zeljko Mihoc, koji se vratilo nogometu i JUST-u, a igrao je svega pola stata. Iznuo je jedanaesterac, iz kojeg je golman Ciric izjednačio. Zatim je Ajaxek postigao ponedelnicke gol iz slobodnog udarca sa 25 metara, kakav se retko vidja u Australiji. Sa ovom pobedom drugi tim JUST-a je zadrao cetvrto mesto na tabeli druge divizije sa 26 bodova. Sastav: Ciric, Stojicevski, I. Karic (Z. Mihoc), Acemi, Simic, T. Karic, Parton. U subotu 29. avgusta drugi tim JUST-a igra protiv Western Suburbsa za Metropolitan Kup.

RINGWOOD UTD./SRBIJA-YALLOURN 1:1 (0:0). Strelac Darren Bain u 15. minuti. Srbija je izgubila protiv zadnjeg na tabeli, koji se sa ovom bodom spasao od ispadanja u nizi rang takmičenja. Međutim, neresen rezultat je oduzeo Ringwood/Srbiji titulu prvaka treće divizije zbog lošije gol-razlike. Ipak, Ringwood/Srbija je obezbedila ulazak u drugu diviziju. Sastav: Milan Cvijic, Tom Kelly, Tony Curulli (Ljuba Stojanovic od 46. minuta), Nedeljko Rajic, Peter Vaughan, Bosko Djordjevic (Slavisa Pejckovic od 46. minuta), Slavko Viscic, Darren Bain, Miladin Bietogric, Pavle Jevtic, Mike Sinclair.

SPRINGVALE UNITED — DIAMOND CREEK 5:0 (4:0). Strelci: Milenko Cilibrik 41. Nebojsa Dragojevic. Sa ovom pobedom Springvale United je obezbedio drugo mesto u trećoj District ligi, iako treba da odigra jos jednu zastoale utakmicu. Sastav: Milan Mandic, Djura Sivec, Jovcan Papuga, Stijan Jelic, Stevan Janjic, Jovan Cankovic, George Kaim, Goran Veljovic, Milenko Cilibrik, Nebojsa Dragojevic (Srba Veljovic od 65. minuta), Joe Francisti (Goran Mandic od 52. minuta).

PARKMORE/PLAVI DUNAV — CRANBOURNE 3:4 (3:1). Najbolja igra Plavog Dunava nije se savršila pobedom nad neperazanim prvacom krivicom trenera Joe Bira, koji je bes potrebe zamenio dva igrača i promenio taktiku. Pored toga, najbolji igrač ove utakmice Tibor Mistic, koji je odbranio jedanaesterac u prvom poluvremenu, zaradio je bez potrebe drugi udarac sa 11 metara, koji nije mogao da odbrani, a koji je doneo pobedu Cranbourne tri minuta pre kraja utakmice. Strelci za Plavi Dunav: Mihalj Djarmati, Ignac Lsanc i autogol. Sastav: Tibor Mistic, Andras Lerinc, Joe Forai, Joe Biro, Frank Varga, Mihalj Farkas (Antal Ambruz), Ignac Lsanc, Jene Kalmar, Mihalj Djarmati, Mihalj Mistic (Tibor Tot od 56. minuta), Janos Sabo. Plavi Dunav je savršio prvenstvo na cetvrtom mestu treće district lige.

Since March 1980, 99 countries have competed in a series of elimination matches throughout the world to earn the right to come to Australia and play in the final qualifying matches for the FIFA World Youth Championship for the Coca-Cola Cup.

Who will be the new young champions in 1981?

Russia won the inaugural tournament held in Tunis in 1977 by beating Mexico 2-2 (9-8 in penalties).

Argentina were the new young champions, beating Russia 3-1 in Tokyo, Japan, August 1979.

Let me go back to a warm May afternoon in Leipzig, Democratic Republic of Germany, last year.

The first ball was kicked in a soccer series that would spread to every continent on earth. The cream of Europe's young footballers were lined up for their annual international tournament, but there was an extra surge of excitement in the air, for the 16 countries were battling not only for the prized title of European champions, but also for a passport to the FIFA World Youth Championship for the Coca-Cola Cup.

There was room for six European teams in the final 16, and a trip to Australia was a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity.

Italy, Poland and Holland were in a hurry to book their flights. Two straight wins each in the opening games virtually guaranteed them a place in the top four.

But, in the remaining group, the pressure was on England, who had dropped a point to Portugal and faced a crucial decider with Yugoslavia.

This was the moment chosen by MacKenzie, who had scored only twice all season for his club, Manchester City, to rediscover the route to the goal. MacKenzie scored twice to hoist England into the semi-finals and their first appearance in the Coca-Cola Cup.

The English squad, just announced, includes Paul Allen (West Ham), Paul Walsh (Charlton Athletic), Terry Conner (Leeds), Shaun Brooks, (Crystal Palace), and Tom Caton (Manchester City).

## SPAIN GETS THERE

Elsewhere the drama was centred on which two teams would finish fifth and sixth and the odds were that goal difference would prove decisive.

That's why Spanish midfielder star Roberto wore such a wide grin after his team's 2-0 win over Hungary.

With Spain, Portugal and Rumania all equal on four points, it was Roberto's goal that nudged Spain into fifth place.

The tension was even more punishing for Rumania and Portugal, who had scored three goals and conceded two each. For they had to wait several weeks before the Gods smiled on Rumania in a drawing of lots.

For West Germany, the European tournament had been a massive disappointment. They had scored eight times in two games, the excellent Thiele grabbing four of them, and needed only a draw with Rumania to qualify.

A shock 1-0 defeat sent them home shattered. But there was to be a late reprieve when they were nominated to replace Holland, who withdrew from the Coca-Cola Cup for administrative reasons.

Germany, coached by Dietrich Weise, suffered big disappointments in 1980. After two drawn games against France, Weise cancelled further international matches and reviewed his squad.

An international indoor tournament in Moscow brought about a change. In the space of 10 days, the new faces on the youth team went undefeated, beating Spain, USSR II, Bulgaria, USSR I, and Moscow.

Weise wants to revive creative soccer. He doesn't want his young team to be forced into strictly tactical play. In youth soccer, tactics and condition should not have priority. The



Walt Chyzowych, coach of the U.S.



At midnight in Montevideo, the capital of Uruguay, an enormous procession which formed behind the bus transporting the South American Youth Champions, throngs the main streets of the city.



Jim Patikas — Sydney City midfielder.



Steve Blair — South Melbourne defender.

ball, and technical skills, should stand in the centre.

Undoubtedly, this emphasis on technical skills will come into play during the World Youth Championship for the Coca-Cola Cup.

As current European youth champions, the German team will be a strong contender for the Cup. Captain is Holger Anthes of F.S.V. Frankfurt.

The Coca-Cola Cup caravan rolled on to the United States in August, when Los Angeles, Dallas, St. Louis, Princeton N.J. and Washington D.C. hosted the Concacaf Youth Championships.

Here, enthusiasm for the Coca-Cola Cup was a major element in raising the number of entrants to a record 19 countries from the North, Central America and Caribbean area.

Here, too, competition for a passage to Australia was so much more intense, with only two places reserved.

Mexico, traditional winners of the Concacaf title, had every right to be confident of filling one of them.

After all, they had excelled in the first-ever Coca-Cola Cup final in Tunisia in 1977, losing to the USSR only on penalties after a 2-2 draw.

But this time they were given an almighty fright by Canada in a semi-final held in Los Angeles.

## MEXICO IN THE RAIN

A torrential downpour flooded the pitch after a first half in which Woodsford had given Canada an early lead, only to see it equalised by a penalty from Coss.

Then the rains came to reduce the match to a lottery.

Players on both sides could barely stand up and anything could happen.

But Mexico, who had beaten Guatemala 2-0 in the quarter-finals, found their nerve equal to the dramatic challenge of a penalty shoot-out.

Goalkeeper Miranda, who had conceded just two goals in his six previous games, was the Mexican hero as they edged into the final on a 4-3 score.

The Mexicans had qualified and recently beat Argentina 2-1 in the final of the Havelange Tournament.

And Coach Alfonso Portugal hasn't a worry in the world.

Yet if that semi-final caused a few missed heartbeats, how about the performance of the United States before their own imploring fans in Washington D.C.?

The United States were the only team to have won all their games over Barbados (5-0), the Netherlands Antilles (3-0), El Salvador (2-0), Antigua (3-1) and, in the quarter finals, Bermuda (2-1).

Now, after extra time of their semi final with Honduras, who had reached this stage with a crushing 8-1 win over the Netherlands Antilles, the score stood at 1-1 at full time.

The crowd was spellbound as the first series of five penalty kicks each failed to produce a winner, the United States nosing ahead in the second series on an astonishing 9-8 scoreline.

It brought a satisfied, if painful, smile to the face of American midfielder man Stollmeyer, who had a couple of teeth knocked out and a few more loosened.

Mexico beat the United States 2-0 in the final played before the New York Cosmos.

The USA team is coached by Walt Chyzowych, who retires after the championship. Walt wants to go out on a winning note. If not, he wants to take some tall poppies with him: like Poland; like Uruguay; or will he settle for Qatar?

US team captain Bill McKeon says "These are the best players in the world for their age, and it's an honour to be in the same tournament. But we're not in awe of anybody. We're proud of what we've done, but we still have a long way to go. We see this as an opportunity to prove to the world that the US is turning out some good soccer players and that we are going to be a force to be reckoned with."

McKeon plays defence, and was selected in the US Olympic team.

The USA can attack. Fifteen goals in one tournament isn't too bad. One of the top strikers is Tom Kain.

In defence they are stingy and big. Look at defender Jay Insile. And goalkeeper Craig Scarpelli.

In Africa, two teams were to qualify. Exactly one week later in the West African country of Cameroon, the fledgling African Youth Tournament got underway.

It had been born only the year before, and its creation followed a decision by FIFA, the world's governing body of soccer, to elevate the Coca-Cola cup to the status of an official world championship.

Previously, in 1977 and 1979, it had been designated a tournament, and the change of definition was not mere whim of terminology.

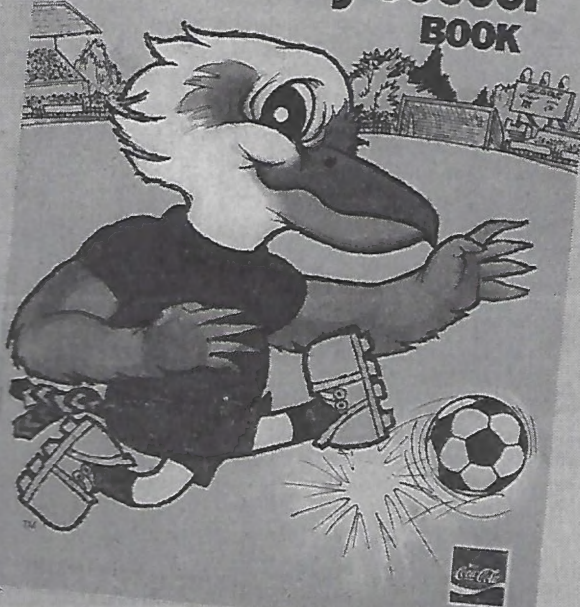
It meant that, for the first time, every one of the finalists — barring the hosts — would be obliged to qualify through their own continental youth tournament. Thus, the African event was organised on a home-and-away knock-out cup basis.

Cameroon, home of Africa's most titled club, Canon De Yaounde, is a country of powerful soccer passions bred on such success.

Its young hopefuls did not let it down, beating Togo 3-0 and 2-1 and removing Equatorial Guinea on a 3-1 aggregate to reach the semi-finals. Cameroon is led by Macky, an outstanding match maker.

# up for the titles

## THE Kickaburra How To Play Soccer BOOK



## Kids! Win a Kickaburra book

The "Kickaburra How to Play Soccer" book will be launched at the South Melbourne Hellas clubrooms today (Wednesday).

Victorian Minister for Youth, Sport and Recreation, Brian Dixon, will introduce the book to the media and the soccer fraternity. Published by Rigby, the book has been compiled by "Soccer Action" columnist and former Hellas player Tom Anderson. Coaching information and colorful illustrations are by world-renowned coach Karl — Heinz Neddergott.

The book is an easy-to-follow guide

about all aspects of playing soccer and it should be a valuable reference guide for all junior coaches.

"Soccer Action" has 10 books to give away to junior players.

All you have to do is: **NAME FIVE MEMBERS OF THE AUSTRALIAN YOUTH SQUAD.**

Write us a letter with these five names, including your name and address. Use a bit of imagination. Perhaps you have pictures of the players. If you're artistic, why not sketch one or two of them?

We'll pick out the 10 best entries and each will earn a free copy of the "Kickaburra How to Play Soccer" book.

Another key man for the Cameroon team is Ollie Ollie, the top goalkeeper in Cameroon. Six foot five in the shade.

Egypt, the first African country ever to take part in the World Cup back in 1934, arrived at the same stage with a 3-1 aggregate win over Zimbabwe.

They were to meet Algeria, who had created such a stir at the Coca-Cola Cup in Japan in 1979 by holding Mexico and beating Spain to reach the quarter finals.

Algeria, though, were unhappy at playing in Egypt and requested a tie on neutral territory, fearing security risks.

When the request was turned down, Algeria withdrew.

Egypt had the chance to prove their worth in the final with Cameroon, conquerors of Nigeria, and they seized it eagerly, drawing 1-1 in the away leg and becoming African champions with a 2-0 win before their own fans in Cairo.

The team captain is Taher Abo Zeid. The Asian qualifying tournament was played in Bangkok.

Two teams, Qatar and Bangladesh, qualified from West Asia; and Japan, Thailand and Korea qualified from East Asia.

The Koreans dominated the tournament. They even beat Qatar 4-1 under the brilliant

leadership of Choi Soon-Ho. They beat Thailand 2-0, Hong Kong 5-0, Indonesia 5-0, Singapore 4-1, Japan 3-1 and drew Bangladesh 1-1.

The Qatar team, however, has had a tremendous build-up to the Australian matches.

Their coach is Brazilian, Macedo Evaristo. And players like Sultan Juman, a brilliant defender, are typical of the middle east players — tall, fast and skilful.

And now the exciting South American teams: Uruguay — winners of the noisiest, most colorful and most trumpeted spectacle of all the Coca-Cola Cup qualifying events.

Yet for two games, Uruguay, semi finalists in the Coca-Cola Cups of 1977 and 1979, were faced with the unthinkable... failure to qualify. A lousy opening 1-1 draw with Bolivia was followed by a 2-1 defeat at the hands of Paraguay.

But a battling 2-1 win over their Ecuador hosts allowed their technique to flower in a resounding 4-1 defeat of Colombia to finish group leaders. Coached by Raul Bentancor, Uruguay will play football as only they know how: exciting, attacking, and skilful.

Watch for young stars like Villazon, the midfielder from the World Club champion team, Nacional.

And the scoring talents of Enzo Francescoli (do we have another Maradona?)



John Little — Preston midfielder.

Brazil, coached by Tele Santana, will be a force. Any team which can beat Argentina 4-0 must be a top contender. Brazil will have three key players: Lela, inside right; Quonoto, right back; and top striker, Pedro Verquay.

Argentina, the Coca-Cola Cup holders, loved by all around the world despite their poor qualifying record, are favorites to retain the Coca-Cola Cup. The Argentina team! The exciting Argentina team!

Australia: Can the Australian youth team upset the defending champions in the opening match at Sydney?

Australian coach, Les Scheinflug, realises what his youth team faces. They are the best youth players in Australia, and are positive in their attitude to the championship. What prizes to have... the scalps of Argentina and England in the opening rounds!

The Australian team has experienced players who will carry the hopes of Australia on their broad shoulders.

Jan Hunter... veteran of the 1979 Coca-Cola Cup qualifying matches. A speedy courageous front runner with a preference for the right wing. Now with the Marconi Club and formerly with Blacktown City, he had a setback when he broke his leg earlier this year but now seems to have recovered fully.

### BLAIR BEST BACK

Peter Raskopolos... a strong and forceful midfielder who plays for the Sydney Olympic Club. Born in Greece, he came here with his parents at the age of two. He will be used as a playmaker in the Australian set-up.

Paul Kay... a midfield player who's small in size but big in stature. Started his career with St. George in Sydney but this year moved to his local PSL club Wollongong. A player who has a very high workrate and a fierce competitor.

Steve Blair... rated the best centre back in Australia and a member of the full national team. A former captain of the Australian schools team before joining his present club South Melbourne Hellas.

Jim Patikas... of Sydney City, who still will be eligible for the Coca-Cola Cup in 1983.

Robert Wheatley... another regular PSL player with Blacktown City and a full national team player. Wheatley made his debut for the national team in the World Cup clash against Taiwan in Adelaide earlier this year. He has not looked back.

Glen Ahearn... this young Sydney City goalkeeper is rated the most promising in Australia. He joined City from Queensland and has made rapid progress since coming south.

David Mitchell... already rated the best striker to be reared in Australia this decade. A big rangy player with a high workrate and unquestionable courage. Plays with Adelaide City.

They are some of the Australian youth team. They will carry the hopes and fortunes of Australia on their young shoulders.

Their keenness and application will be without question as they take on the might of the world.

Whatever the outcome, these Australian youngsters will carry the green and gold with pride and they will give it "a real go".

They will do their utmost to uphold the great sporting tradition of this country. Of them, we can ask no more! We all extend our wishes for their success.

Will there be another Maradona, or even Diaz, Alvarez or Cesar Romero? We must wait. However, these young champions play the game with spontaneity, with excitement and with color. We are in for a feast of world class football in Australia.

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Η Έλλας Μεταβόρως χωρίς τους Έβανς Είρα και τον Νταβίνσον που απέχουν σε τραυματισμούς, υπέκυψε στην Μπρίσταν. Στην δικαία και σχεδόν αποχαλάρωση τον 2-0.

Το 0-2 έτσι που έγινε ο αγώνας ήταν και λίγο για τους ηγετικούς που σε πολλές περιπτώσεις παρουσίασαν συγκρότηση μικρής κατηγορίας και απογοήτευση.

**ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΟ ΕΒΑΝΣ ΚΑΙ ΛΟΡΑΝΣ ΕΡΕΥΡΑ**  
Παρά την ήττα του 0-2, η Έλλας έμεινε στο 2-1, πέτυχε ένα σημείο το 2-1 να κατέβει την 8η θέση (18 βαθμούς) αλλά με καλύτερη διαφορά τερμάτων από την Χανόβα 32-44.

Η Έλλας μας δόθηκε έγκαιρα ως 7η με 2-0 όταν ο Άνκος κατώτατος να σημειώσει τώρα και να φτάσει το σκορ 2-1 το οποίο ήταν και το τελικό αποτέλεσμα.

Στο 60' ο διατητής Πίτ Μπρέννιν απέβαλε χωρίς λόγο τον νεαρό Λυγερή.

Συνέχισαν οι Σκωτσέζοι, Μόλνις και ο Πό-πολντς.

Επείγει οι Γιαννακόπουλος (Πολύ καλός), Νέσσαν, Πέτρον, Λυγερή, Πόπολντς, Κόλνις, Καλακατίνος, Βοζίνης, Σκωτσέζοι, Κόλνις και Άνκος.

**ΑΝΕΒΗΚΕ Η ΔΟΞΑ ΓΙΑΠΠΑΛΙΑ**

Η Άδρα Γιαππαρίλ νίκησε την ήδη πρωταθλήτρια της Γ κατηγορίας του Προβίτιο - ναλ Αλφν Ροζάνα με 2-0 και τελείωσε 2η με 32 βαθμούς και τέρματα 43-19.

Είσι η κινδυνολογία του Γιαππαρίλ από την νέα σαιζόν θα αγωνίζεται στην Β κατηγορία όπου πιστεύεται να διατηρείται.

Επίσης δεν αποκλείεται να κερδίσει και το κύπελλο του Προβίτιο, ναλ Αλφν και παρουσιάζεται σαν φαβορί για την κατάκτηση του ντιντλ.

**Ν.ΕΜΑΕ: ΜΕΤΡΙΑ ΠΟΡΕΙΑ**

Μετά από μέτρια σχετική πορεία η ομάδα του Πόρτ Μέλνιουρν τελείωσε στην 7η θέση του πρωταθλήματος της Γ κατηγορίας.

Το μόνο ευχάριστο για την Ν.ΕΜΑΕ είναι η συμμετοχή αρκετών νεοαφών και τζιαντού γυναικών με υποσχέσεις για το μέλλον του συλλόγου, όπως ο Γκόλντς, Κωσ ότου - λος, Πέτρας, Σταυρίδης, Νικηφόρος, Δούκας και άλλοι.

**ΕΜΑΕ Β' ΉΘΟΙΒΑΙΝΟΣ ΑΙΟ ΑΑΘΗ**

Στην Β κατηγορία του Μετροπόλιταν Α' γκ η Έλλας Μεταβόρως έλασε με 1-0 και η ομάδα της δεν υπήρξε ο κατάλληλος προγραμματισμός. Τό ότι της άρραβήκαν και δύο βαθμοί από άλλος συμμετοχή ποδοσφαιριστή της είναι μία άδεια απόδειξη.

**ΗΤΤΑ ΤΟΥ "ΤΡΑΜΟΥΑΙΝΣ" 5-1**

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Παίτην οι Σάντεβ, Ντεζόρ, Σηγγουλίνης Κιατόρ, Τόκν, Αρδούρος, Ιορδάνος, Σηγγουλίνης Κιατόρ, Αϊντσκίλν, Ιορδάνος, Λόγκαν, Αϊντσκίλν.

**ΕΛΛΑΣ: ΜΕΤΡΙΑ ΠΟΡΕΙΑ**

Η κινδυνολογία του 2-0, η ομάδα της Έλλας κέρδισε με 2-0 από την 7η θέση της στην 8η θέση του πρωταθλήματος.

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